

# The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Haiku Festival Awards Program

Dedicated to the Kane & Egnor Families  
Welcome: Regina Harris Baiocchi, Founder  
Awards

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Raymond Patterson Award: **Vontrice Bobo**, age 13, grade 8, Charles Gates Dawes Elementary: *Eyes of Medusa*

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Hale Smith Award: **Jacob Mazzarella**, age 14, grade 8, University of Chicago Laboratory School: *The air has new verve*

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Juanita Smith Award: **Andrea Banda**, age 12, grade 6, St. Daniel the Prophet: *Never say you can't*

Gwendolyn Brooks Award: **Mackenzie Webb**, age 9, grade 3, Michael M. Byrne Elementary: *soft leaves on the ground*

Lyoers Family Founders Award: **Jordan Redd**, age 10, grade 4, Rudyard Kipling Elementary: *Alligator strong*

Poems of the World Spring Award: **Joseph Raphael Castro**, age 10, grade 4, High Point Elementary: *The beauty of Spring*

Poems of the World Summer Award: **D'Asja Colbert**, age 14, grade 8, St. Ethelreda School: *Art is amazing*

Adele Legere School-of-the-Year Award: **St. Daniel the Prophet**  
Kane-Egnor Teacher-of-the-Year Award: **Joann Serafin**, St. Daniel

Piano Interlude: **Adjedmaa Ali-Landing**, age 12

J. S. Bach, "Gigue," *Partita in B<sup>b</sup> Major*

## #1 Poem of the School

**Lailan Martinez**, age 14, gr. 8, Annunciata: *Daffodils nodding*  
**Jesus Salgado**, 9, gr. 3, Avondale-Logandale: *In the nest, it rocks*  
**Andrew Guterrez**, 11, 5, Courtenay LAC: *One day there was rain*  
**Jackie Tan**, age 10, grade 5, Daniel Boone: *So clear and silent*  
**Joseph Schlee**, age 9, grade 4, Eliza Chappell: *People go to pools*  
**Leilani Martinez**, 10, 5, Enrico Tonti Elem.: *Standard, normal way*  
**Joanna Gonzalez**, age 14, gr. 8, Ferdinand Peck: *a withering pearl*  
**Lora Faraj**, age 13, gr. 8, Jamieson Elementary: *Silver linings lost*  
**Angel Martinez**, 10, 5, John McCutcheon: *July's blazing sun*  
**Abdulkabir Yahya**, 12, 6, J. C. Locke: *dripping sweat, waxed floor*  
**Calvin Golden**, 13, 8, Langston Hughes: *The enormous sun*

## #1 Poem of the School (cont'd)

**Devantae Moore**, age 11, gr. 5, Myra Bradwell: *The grass is pretty*  
**Hannah O'Koon**, age 13, gr. 7, Roycemore: *Wading in the lake*  
**Brooke Hudson**, 13, 8, Ruben Salazar Elem: *Frostbites call victims*  
**Andrea Roa**, age 9, gr. 4, Sacred Heart 96th St: *Colorful flowers*  
**Daniel Hinojosa**, 12, gr. 6, Salmon Chase: *when I call my pop*  
**JaQuaviez Houston**, 13, 8, St. Agatha: *The smell of fresh turf*  
**Nathan DeLuna**, age 13, gr. 7, St. Bartholomew: *the ocean is calm*  
**Alexis Chambers**, 14, 8, St. Christina: *flurries rushing down*  
**Joe Klaw**, age 11, grade 5, St. Cornelius: *I whisper to him*  
**Sarah Cardia**, 11, 5, St. Francis Borgia: *Framed, vivid painting*  
**Lisette Hernandez**, age 11, gr. 5, St. Viator: *In the summer air*

## Manuel Allen Honorable Mention Awards

**Tatiana Gawrit**, 14, 8, Our Lady Mt. Carmel: *Flutter velvet wings*  
**Sarah Stouffer-Lerch**, age 12, grade 6, DeForest Middle School, Wisconsin: *Each night the moon man*  
**Rachel Schonbaum**, age 13, grade 7, UCLS: *Like pen on paper*  
**Quinn Whisler**, age 11, grade 5, St. Cornelius: *Standing on a cliff*  
**Dorian Weir**, age 13, gr. 7, Roycemore: *Leaves fall to the ground*

Piano Interlude: **J'Heannehehelle Rosier**, age 14

J. S. Bach, "Minuet 1-2" *Partita in B<sup>b</sup> Major*

## Special Guest Poet

**Prof. Guillermo Delgado** is an interdisciplinary artist with a passion for art creation and teaching--currently at Michigan State University. [waxingcrescenthaiku.com](http://waxingcrescenthaiku.com) features his daily haiku. This reading is underwritten by Poets & Writers, Inc.

Japanese Drummers: **Tsukasa Taiko** Youth Ensemble, **Tatsu Aoki**, Dir., Michelle Nitahara, Kenji Mulhall, Koki James, Mark Aburano-Meister, Neil Ducklow, Kiyomi Negi Tran, Leader

## Closing Remarks, Acknowledgments

## Haiku Festival Judges

Haiku Fest is eternally grateful to these Judges who generously give their time, talent and treasures to ensure our success:

**Marilyn Allen** is a published writer and poet who believes, "Storytelling and history fuel children's futures."

**Judith Bowden** is a retired Chicago Public School teacher and author of a haiku book titled *Chocolate Bananas*.

**Dr. Wayne Allen Jones**, publisher of fractaledgepress and author of three books of poetry, works as a psychotherapist.

**Dr. Elma Photikarm** publishes *Poems of the World*, wrote *Coffee? Coffee*, and is World Academy of Arts & Culture Poet Laureate.

**Valerie Wallace's** poetry is published in anthologies, journals and her chapbook, *The Dictators' Guide to Good Housekeeping*.

**Michael Covenant Watson** formerly hosted *Wordslingers* poetry program, [www.wordslingers.org](http://www.wordslingers.org), and is writing a sci-fi novel.

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#### About Haiku Festival

Haiku is a poetic form with Japanese roots. Often haiku are about nature, use irony, and use 3 lines: 5-7-5 syllables. Our logo consists of 2 Japanese characters: 俳 (actor); 句 (sentence) i.e., haiku poet and poetry respectively.

In 2004 author and composer, **Regina Harris Baiocchi** founded Haiku Fest, as inspired by Gwendolyn Brooks. Regina's music has been performed by Chicago Symphony, Detroit Symphony, US Army Band, et al. Her titles include *Indigo Sound* (fiction); *Urban Haiku*; *Blues Haiku*; *Kidstuff* CD; and articles published by Oxford University, Third World, and Greenwood presses.

Haiku Festival gratefully acknowledges the students, teachers and parents who attend our workshops, readings and juried events; and NPR's WBEZ *Chicago Amplified* for broadcasting this program at <http://www.wbez.org/series/chicago-amplified>

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