

The 11th Annual Haiku Festival Awards Program

2100 poets, 46 teachers, and 33 schools

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Introduction: Maureen Kennedy, Chicago Poetry Committee

Welcome: Regina Harris Baiocchi, Founder

Dedicated to the memory of Mark Andre Pristop

Awards for Grades 3rd - 4th

1st Prize Raymond Patterson Award: **Leah Sautkus**, age 8, grade 3
St. Symphorosa School: *Gallop and canter*

2nd Prize Nikki Giovanni Award: **Samantha Duran**, age 10, grade 4
Sacred Heart School 96th Street: *I walk to find you*

3rd Prize Langston Hughes Award: **Isabella Escot**, age 10, grade 4
St. Symphorosa School: *White and beautiful*

Awards for Grades 5th - 6th

1st Prize Sonia Sanchez Award: **Casey Kowalsky**, age 11, grade 5
St. Daniel the Prophet School: *Cherry blossom tree*

2nd Prize Rita Dove Award: **Emiliamaria Principato**, age 11, grade 6
St. Francis Borgia School: *Spray cans and colors*

3rd Prize e. e. cummings Award: **Mila Trivanovic**, age 12, grade 6
Josephine Locke Elementary School: *Red beauties galore*

Awards for Grades 7th - 8th

1st Prize David Hernandez Award: **Paulina Zuniga**, age 13, grade 8
Galileo Academy: *We sit in a vase*

2nd Prize Pablo Neruda Award: **Natalie Garza**, age 13, grade 7
Josephine Locke Elementary School: *Flakes into raindrops*

3rd Prize Sandra Cisneros Award: **Louis Brooks**, age 13, grade 8
University of Chicago Laboratory School: *Icicles impale*

CPS and Founders Awards

Gwendolyn Brooks Award: **Karina Acosta**, age 12, grade 6
Josephine Locke Elementary School: *Walking home from school*

Chris Abani Founders Award: **Mark Balyasny**, age 13, grade 7
Roycemore Academy, Evanston, IL: *Fireworks in July*

Musical Interlude:
Estelle Ricketts, *Rippling Spring Waltz*
Imani Jackson, piano



Adele Legere School-of-the-Year Award: Josephine Locke Elementary School
Egnor Family Teacher-of-the-Year: Ms. Joann Serafin, St. Daniel the Prophet

Terrance Hayes #1 Poem of the School

Avondale-Logandale: **Jamilette Muñoz**, age 8, grade 3, *In the morning light*
Daniel Boone School: **Miles Dalton**, age 10, grade 5, *Mom is chocolate*
Myra Bradwell: **Kamari Dennis**, age 10, grade 5, *The creaking, the groans*
Michael Byrne Elementary: **José Jimenez**, age 8, grade 3, *In winter it's cold*

High Point Elem.: **Megan O'Sullivan**, age 10, grade 4, *Creamy, gooey, yum*
Jamieson Elementary: **Angela Ruan**, age 14, grade 8, *The gentle breeze spins*
McCutcheon Elem.: **Jennavive Williams**, age 12, grade 6, *The kids go outside*
Mount Greenwood: **Helen SaTsu**, age 12, grade 7, *On the white blankets*

St. Angela: **Amari Perkins**, age 8, grade 3, *Red and black spotted*
St. Bartholomew: **Samuel Correa**, age 14, grade 8, *Steadily the grass*
St. Christina: **Thomas DeGrado**, age 13, grade 8, *Snake slithered quickly*

St. Cornelius: **Annie Parker**, age 12, grade 6, *Sadness brings us tears*
St. Francis Borgia: **Jonathan Fejkiel**, age 10, grade 4, *Clear water drizzles*
St. Viator: **Claire Blackmond**, age 10, grade 4, *Cold, falling snowflakes*

Michele Marie Serros Honorable Mention

Abby Divita, age 12, grade 6, St. Cornelius: *A soft white blanket*
Amel Nikho, age 13, grade 8, Jamieson Elem., *The moving waves left*
Charlotte Goldberger, age 13, grade 8, UCLS, *Laughed, spat at and kicked*
Eric Andersen, age 12, grade 7, St. Christina, *Cold breeze on my face*
Giancarlo Herrera, age 9, grade 3, Avondale-Logandale, *Winter is so cold*
Gilbert Villegas III, age 11, grade 6, St. Bartholomew, *There are fireflies*
Grace Zhang, age 14, grade 8, Univ. Chicago Lab School, *With each old story*
Jared Wallace, age 13, grade 7, Roycemore School, *The tree is healthy*
Joseph Cruz, age 12, grade 6, St. Bartholomew, *The work crew rolls in*
Kenyatta Walker, age 11, grade 5, Myra Bradwell, *The hot sun is out*
Malcolm Wilson-Ahlstrom, 9, grade 3, Home School *both mushy and sweet*

Michele Marie Serros Honorable Mention (cont'd)

Mohammed Khan, age 11, grade 5, Daniel Boone Elem., *Life is a cheetah*
Noah Matthew Shevitz, age 10, grade 5, St. Viator, *The trees are waving*
Patricia Aguilar, age 12, grade 6, St. Francis Borgia, *zipping through the sky*
Pierre Carll-Moton, age 12, grade 7, Bret Harte, *Wearing my headphones*
Sally Carlstrom, age 13, grade 8, UCLS, *Waves pound the sand's floor*
Sofia Calvo, age 11, grade 5, St. Daniel the Prophet, *Bright golden sunlight*

Judges Response Haiku: Allen, Bowden, Jones, Watson

Guest Poet's Reading



Khari B. is an internationally-acclaimed poet and activist. His Jazz-infused performance poetry has been enjoyed by audiences throughout the USA, Puerto Rico, France, Italy, England and Caribbean islands. Khari B.'s writings and recordings are inspired by his Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicianship (AACM) membership and extensive travels. He is often sought for readings, and workshops. Khari is Artist-In-Residence, with Haraka Writers Performance Ensemble at Purdue University; and will be featured in AACM's 50th anniversary at the Museum of Contemporary Art.

Japanese Drummers

Tsukasa Taiko Youth Ensemble: **Tatsu Aoki**, Founding Director
Kiyomi Negi Tran, Noriko Sugiyama, Neil Ducklow, Koki James,
Hana Jame, Kembre Daniel



Mark Andre Pristop, to whom this program is dedicated, was committed to serving urban Chicago youth in a variety of ways including after school programs. One of his passions was working with students with disabilities. For 20+ years, Mark served as a Director for Chicago's After School Matters (founded by Maggie Daley) and CPS Advanced Arts program.

Closing Remarks, Book Sales: Regina Harris Baiocchi

Participating Teachers and Schools

Mr. Balyclendon, Home School
Mr. Edgar Valentin, Josephine C. Locke Elementary
Mr. Foran, Mt. Greenwood Elementary
Mr. Fraser Coffeen, Roycemore School
Mr. Joseph Drogos, University of Chicago Laboratory School (UCLS)

Mr. Lewandowski, Mark T. Skinner West Elementary
Mr. Luke Albrechet, Crown Community Academy
Mr. Michael Di Lacova, Foreman High School
Mr. Michael Hatcher, Bret Harte Elementary
Mr. Sam Nekrosius, UCLS

Ms. Alicia Wilson-Ahlstrom, Home School
Ms. Andrea Murillo, Sacred Heart School - 96th Street
Ms. Anna Marie Gonzales, Michael M. Byrne Elementary
Ms. Catherine Smith, St. Viator
Ms. Eileen Akroush, St. Symphorosa

Ms. Eppie May F. Frial, Lacson Foundation Maritime University-Arevalo
Ms. Farmer, St. Dorothy
Ms. Hernandez, Josephine C. Locke Elementary
Ms. Jan Yourist, UCLS
Ms. Jennifer McSurley, Galileo Scholastic Academy

Ms. Joan Baley, St. Christina
Ms. Joann Serafin, St. Daniel the Prophet
Ms. Katharine Hannigan, High Point Elementary
Ms. Kathleen Gienko, St. Bartholomew
Ms. Kelly Szlak-Aimone, St. Cornelius

Ms. Kelsey Sohrweide, Myra Bradwell Elementary
Ms. Kristy Ulrich-Papczun, Bret Harte Elementary
Ms. Linda Jania, St. Symphorosa
Ms. Lisa Miller, UCLS
Ms. M. Selim, Josephine C. Locke Elementary

Ms. Melody Farmer, Myra Bradwell Elementary
Ms. Mindy Gonzalez, Josephine C. Locke Elementary
Ms. Nancy Webb, St. Symphorosa
Ms. Natalia Papciak, Michael M. Byrne Elementary
Ms. Nilsa Lopezlena, Avondale-Logandale Elementary

Teachers and Schools (cont'd)



Ms. Paula Settefrati, St. Francis Borgia
Ms. Peggy Doyle, UCLS
Ms. Rachels, Paxton Academy
Ms. Rosemary Barilla, Jamieson Elementary
Ms. Ruth R. Seidner, Daniel Boone Elem.
Ms. Spray, St. Angela
Ms. Thelma Fitzgerald, John McCutcheon Elem.
Ms. Vicki Schneider, UCLS

Haiku Festival Judges

Haiku Festival is eternally grateful to the following 2015 Judges who generously gave their time, talents 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 (3) books of poetry, works as an educator and psychotherapist.

Michael Covenant Watson formerly hosted *Wordslingers* poetry program, www.wordslingers.org, and is writing a sci-fi novel.

About Haiku Festival

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

Haiku Festival poems are chosen using a rubric that rates each poem on the basis of overall appeal, originality, technical qualities (images, rhythm and figurative language), mechanics (spelling, grammar, syntax) and format (5-7-5).

Workshops, readings and special events are presented on request. Please contact us at HaikuFest.com • Info@HaikuFest.com • 312-253-7453

Haiku Festival Founder

In 2004 author and composer, **Regina Harris Baiocchi** founded Haiku Fest, as inspired by one of her mentors Gwendolyn Brooks, IL Poet Laureate. As a composer, Regina's music has been performed by Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, US Army Band, Chicago Brass Quintet, Milwaukee Brass Quintet, et al.

Regina's books and audio CDs include *Indigo Sound* (fiction); *Urban Haiku*; *Blues Haiku*; *Kidstuff* CD; and the forthcoming *Jazz Haiku/ DreamHoppers/Live Demo* CD. Regina's articles on fine arts are published by Oxford University, Third World, and Greenwood presses; and the *CBMR Digest*.

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Workshop Haiku:

**chewing on grass
ropes and tires in their bellies
they make healthy milk**

St. Cornelius, grades 5-6, February 2015

Notes & Autographs
