

# The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Haiku Festival Awards Program

1312 poets, 44 teachers, and 26 schools

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Introduction: Maureen Kennedy, Chicago Poetry Committee

Welcome: Regina Harris Baiocchi, Founder

## Awards for Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Raymond Patterson Award: **Kaylee Gianetti**, age 10, grade 4

High Point Elementary: *close your eyes and dream*

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Nikki Giovanni Award: **Maya Strong**, age 9, grade 4

Decatur Classical: *I've seen a bright light*

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Langston Hughes Award: **Mahari Gilbert**, age 9, grade 4

Amelia Earhart School: *Love is like a well*

## Awards for Grades 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Sonia Sanchez Award: **Armani Valentin**, age 11, grade 6

St. Bartholomew: *Mr. John Smetko*

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Ama Patterson Award: **Crystal Bradstigar**, age 12, grade 6

The Mirman School: *Ode to eraser*

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize e. e. cummings Award: **Anngeli Claudio**, age 10, grade 5

St. Cornelius: *People come and go*

## Awards for Grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Prize David Hernandez Award: **Risa Cohen**, age 13, grade 8

University of Chicago Laboratory School: *A single feather*

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Pablo Neruda Award: **Katja Edwards**, age 13, grade 7

University of Chicago Laboratory School: *Alone in the dark*

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Sandra Cisneros Award: **Sejal Prachand**, age 13, grade 8

University of Chicago Laboratory School: *Bright yellow lightning*

## CPS and Founders Awards

Gwendolyn Brooks Award: **Anthony Sanders**, age 13, grade 7

Josephine Locke School: *Sounds of bullet waves*

Chris Abani Founders Award: **Emma Ferenzi**, age 12, grade 7

St. Daniel the Prophet: *error 101*

Chris Abani Founders Award: **Aaditya Shantilal Kothadia**, age 10, grade 4

High Point Elementary: *close your eyes and dream*

*Egnor Family Teacher-of-the-Year: Ms. Joann Serafin, St. Daniel the Prophet*

*Adele Legere School-of-the-Year Award: Locke Elementary: Ms. D. Campbell,  
Ms. Mindy Gonzalez, Ms. Joann Hernandez*

**University of Chicago Lab. School:** Ms. Peggy Doyle, Mr. Joseph Drogos,  
Ms. Kristin Frank, Ms. Staci Garner, Ms. Christine Himmelfarb,  
Ms. Lisa Miller, Ms. Sam Nekrosius, Ms. Jan Yourist

Jayne Cortez #1 Poem of each School

**Lithzy Ugalde**, age 12, grade 7, Avondale Logandale: *Searching for freedom*

**Pierre Carll-Moton**, age 13 grade 8, Beasley Elem.: *Up and down the court*

**Denkwon Henderson**, age 14, grade 8, Galileo Academy: *Suicide is tough*

**Jay Ruan**, age 11, grade 6, James Ward Elem.: *high above the ground*

**Noreen Ahmed**, age 14, grade 8, Jamieson Elem.: *Hopping across ground*

**Lizzeth Rosales**, age 13, grade 7, McCutcheon: *Winds start to calm down*

**Nicholas Bukowski**, age 9, grade 3, Byrne Elem.: *some long neck giraffes*

**Amaree Housley**, age 9, grade 4, Myra Bradwell: *winter's really great*

**Aruuke Ulanbek**, age 10, grade 4, Passages Charter Sch.: *A dragon watches*

**Sabine Ramirez**, age 13, grade 7, Sacred Heart 96th: *Rain falls upon Earth*

**Jake Keneipp**, age 13. grade 8, St. Christina: *Seeds grow from the ground*

**Emil Tomic**, age 10, grade 5, St. Cornelius: *She took her last breath*

**Casey Kowalsky**, 12, grade 6, St. Daniel the Prophet: *Gracefully rolling fog*

**Fiona Borders**, age 11, grade 5, St. Francis Borgia: *trees stand in the night*

**Joshua Batres**, age 9, grade 4, St. Viator: *when the flowers bloom*

Musical Interlude:

Rentarō Taki, *Kōjō no Tsuki (荒城の月)*:

*Moon over the Ruined Castle (1901)*

Johann S. Bach, *Cello Suite #1--Prelude (circa 1717)*

**Sajdah Muhammad**, cello

Li-Young Lee Honorable Mention Awards

**Emma Woods**, age 9, grade 4, St. Daniel, *The glistening moon*

**Liliana Rohlf**, age 10, grade 5, St. Viator: *the sun shines brightly*

**Meleny Honorata**, age 11, grade 6, Josephine Locke: *when music hits you*

**Daniel Gawel**, age 12, grade 6, Josephine Locke: *War is rough and tough*

**Alyssa Sabatino**, 11, grade 5, St. Francis Borgia: *Briskly blows the wind*

**Sami Khan**, age 10, grade 5, Decatur Classical: *a new day begins*

**Lucas Barreras-Koster**, age 11, gr. 6, St. Francis Borgia: *Perfect pitch prevails*

**Kepler Boonstra**, age 13, gr. 8, University of Chicago Lab.: *Shining, left aside*



Li-Young Lee Honorable Mention Awards (cont'd)

**Naomi Corlette**, 13, gr. 7, University of Chicago Lab.: *Water roars thru rocks*

**Rachel Nguyen**, age 13, grade 8, Jamieson Elementary: *The youth of a leaf*

**Gianna Sharp**, age 13, grade 7, Amelia Earhart School: *Chicago is bright*

**Helen Georgitsos**, age 13, grade 8, Jamieson Elem.: *The bright flame crackles*

**Ben Scheidelman**, 12, grade 7, Near North Montessori: *I lied to my mom*

**John Street**, age 13, grade 8, St. Bartholomew: *cherry blossoms fall*

Open Mike: Haiku Fest Poets

**\*Judges Response Haiku:** Allen, Bowden, Jones, Watson, Ziliak\*

Musical Interlude:

Aaron Copland, *The Cat and the Mouse* (1920)

**Megan Stokes**, piano

Guest Poet's Reading



**Professor Christopher Abani** is a novelist, poet, essayist, screenwriter and playwright. Born in Nigeria to an Igbo father and English mother, he grew up in Afikpo, Nigeria, received a BA in English from Imo State Univ., Nigeria, MA in English, Gender and Culture from Birkbeck College, University of London and PhD in Literature and Creative

Writing, Univ. of Southern CA. He has lived in the US since 2001. Prof. Abani received award from PEN USA Freedom-to-Write, Prince Claus, Lannan Literary Fellowship, California Book, Hurston/ Wright Legacy, PEN Beyond the Margins, PEN Hemingway Book Prize and Guggenheim.

Prof. Abani's poetry includes *Sanctificum* (2010), *There Are No Names for Red* (2010), *Feed Me The Sun* (2010), *Hands Washing Water* (2006), *Dog Woman* (2004), *Daphne's Lot* (2003) and *Kalakuta Republic* (2001). His fiction includes: *Secret History of Las Vegas* (2014), *Song For Night* (2007), *The Virgin of Flames* (2007), *Becoming Abigail* (2006), *GraceLand* (2004), and *Masters of the Board* (1985).

Abani's work has been translated into 13 languages. Through *TED Talks*, speeches and essays he is an international voice on humanitarianism, art and ethics. His byline appears in *Witness*, *Parkett*, *NYTimes*, *O Magazine* and *Bomb*. He is Board of Trustees Prof. of English at Northwestern University.



Participating Teachers and Schools

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Ms. Arnold	Amelia Earhart
Ms. Harris	Amelia Earhart
Ms. Jenkins	Amelia Earhart
Ms. Petrowsky	Amelia Earhart
Ms. Shipp	Amelia Earhart
Ms. Zelda Jenkins	Amelia Earhart
Ms. Nilsa Lopezlena	Avondale-Logandale Elementary
Ms. V. Llaguno	Avondale-Logandale Elementary
Ms. Amy Steier	Avondale-Logandale Elementary
Ms. Mitchell	Beasley Elementary
Ms. Timi Allegretti	Decatur Classical School
Ms. Jennifer McSurley	Galileo Scholastic Academy
Ms. Katharine Hannigan	High Point Elementary
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Ms. Rosemary Barilla	Jamieson Elementary
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Ms. Joan Baley	St. Christina
Ms. Lindsey Kurek	St. Clement
Ms. Kelly Szlak-Aimone	St. Cornelius
Ms. Sarah Lancaster	St. Cornelius
Ms. Joann Serafin	St. Daniel the Prophet
Ms. Paula Settefrati	St. Francis Borgia
Ms. Linda Jania	St. Symphorosa
Ms. Nancy Webb	St. Symphorosa

## Teachers and Schools (cont'd)

Ms. Catherine Smith	St. Viator
Ms. Brown	The Mirman School
Ms. Peggy Doyle	University of Chicago Lab. School
Mr. Joseph Drogos	University of Chicago Lab. School
Ms. Kristin Frank	University of Chicago Lab. School
Ms. Staci Garner	University of Chicago Lab. School
Ms. Christine Himmelfarb	University of Chicago Lab. School
Ms. Lisa Miller	University of Chicago Lab. School
Mr. Sam Nekrosius	University of Chicago Lab. School
Ms. Jan Yourist	University of Chicago Lab. School

## Haiku Festival Judges

Haiku Festival is extremely grateful to 2016 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 3 books of poetry, works as an educator and psychotherapist.

**Michael Covenant Watson**, former radio host of *Wordslingers* poetry program, [www.wordslingers.org](http://www.wordslingers.org), is writing a sci-fi novel.

**Dr. Stephen Ziliak**, Roosevelt University Professor of Economics, has published widely, notably his thoughts on founding Haiku Economics.

## The 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 two Japanese characters: 俳 (actor); 句 (sentence) i.e., haiku poet and poetry respectively.

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

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## Haiku Festival's Founder

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

Regina's books and CD's include *Indigo Sound* (fiction); *Urban Haiku*; *Blues Haiku* and *Kidstuff* CD. Her music appears on *Kaleidoscope*; *Soul of a Singer*; and *unto thee i burn* CD's. Her articles are published by Oxford University, 3rd World, and Greenwood, *CBMR Digest*, Chicago Humanities Festival, etc.

**Upcoming event:** Saturday, 7 May 2016, 7:30 pm, the Michael Teolis Singers present "Grande Dames of American Music" at First United Methodist, Oak Park, IL. Regina's *Haba na Haba (Little by Little)* from her **Two Swahili Poems** (SATB, trumpet, percussion version) will be performed.

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Dedication Haiku:

Haiku opens up

Volumes from my poet soul

Waiting words break free

by Mrs. Nikki Richmond, for Pierre Carll-Moton

Notes & Autographs

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