

The 5th Annual Haiku Festival Awards Program 2009

Dedicated to Manuel Joseph Allen
Welcome: Regina Harris Baiocchi, Founder

Awards

1st Prize Manuel Joseph Allen Award (\$100):

Louie Harboe, 13, grade 7, University of Chicago Lab School,
My Golden Pencil

2nd Prize Adele Legere Award (\$50):

Catherine Adams, 14, grade 8, UCLS, *I gaze at the stars*

3rd Prize Hale & Juanita Smith Award (\$25):

Libby Paulson, 10, grade 4, High Point Elementary,
Red, small, and spotted

Gandre-Thomas Founder's Award (\$20):

Adrian Ramos, 13, grade 8, St. Agnes of Bohemia,
Filled with loneliness

Betty Shabazz International Charter School Teacher-of-the-Year
Award (\$100): **Joan Bailey**, St. Christina

Raymond Patterson Memorial School-of-the-Year Award (\$100):

St. Daniel the Prophet

Honorable Mentions

Ariana Vazquez, 11, grade 5, St. Benedict, *The stench of the lake*

Michael Myerecyk, 13, grade 8, St. Daniel, *Long-term assignments*

Mary Joan Evans, 14, grade 8, St. Cajetan, *Floating slowly up*

Dionesha Bailey, 10, gr.4, St. John de la Salle, *I praise God in song*

Max Hornung, 14, grade 8, UCLS, *In a poppy bun*

Kayla Haywood, 13, grade 7, St. Ethelreda, *Don't name me...*

Stephanie Simon, 13, grade 8, St. Christina, *a clean, white canvas*

Katherine Kezon, 14, grade 8, St. Christina, *Stars guide the night*

Alexa Green, 14, grade 8, UCLS, *Where did my dreams go?*

Alexis Lopez, 13, grade 8, St. Daniel, *How to find courage*

In Memoriam: Manuel Joseph Allen; Nichole L. Shields

Inspirational Song: **Charles Taylor**, Pianist

Closing Remarks, Acknowledgments

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Haiku Festival Judges

Carolyn Aguila penned *Flirting with Rhyme & Reason* (EM Press), and is an arts administrator for Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, Gwendolyn Brooks Estate, and National Poetry Slam.

Marilyn Allen is a health care administrator, writer and poet who believes, "If the art of storytelling escapes us, so will history and ultimately our children's futures."

Dan Godston teaches poetry at Columbia College Chicago and Rush Medical Center. He is a trumpeter and founder of *Chicago Calling*, an annual artists collaborative now in its 4th year.

Dr. Wayne Allen Jones, the publisher of fractaledgepress, is an occasional open-mic reader and feature in Chicago. This author of three books of poetry works as a psychotherapist.

A Chicago native with Louisiana roots, **Renée Moore's** poems appear in *Callaloo* and *Obsidian III*. The Cave Canem alumna and technical communications consultant jumpstarts workshops.

Entrepreneur, acclaimed chef, and fine arts advocate, **Sidney Simmons** is a modern day, Morehouse Renaissance Man and proprietor of Discerning Palates: <http://discerningpalates.com>

Michael Covenant Watson lives in Humboldt Park. He is the host of the poetry radio program, *Wordslingers*, heard on 88.7 FM, WLWU Loyola University: www.wordslingers.org

Award-winning poet, **Valerie Martt Wallace**, MFA, is founding editor of *Deep Dish* poetry series, and writing workshop leader. Please visit http://chicagopoem.typepad.com/deep_dish/

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About Haiku Festival

In 2004 Greg & Regina Baiocchi founded Haiku Festival, as inspired by one of Regina's mentors and former Illinois Poet Laureate, Ms. Gwendolyn Brooks.

Greg Baiocchi is an electrical and systems design engineer who constructed and maintains the Haiku Festival web site. Greg's hobbies include robotics and artificial intelligence.

Author and composer **Regina Harris Baiocchi's** music has been performed by Chicago Symphony, Detroit Symphony, the US Army Band, and various international artists. Her titles include *Indigo Sound* (fiction); *Urban Haiku*; *Blues Haiku*; *Kidstuff* CD; and articles published by Oxford University Press, and Greenwood Press. Regina is profiled in the *New Grove Dictionary of American Music*; the *International Dictionary of Black Composers*; *Spirituals to Symphonies*; at www.ReginaHarrisBaiocchi.com; Answers.com; TheHistoryMakers.com; and AfriClassical.com

Haiku 俳句 (hi'-coo) is a poetic form with Japanese roots. Often haiku are about nature, use irony, and have three lines: line one has 5 syllables; line two has 7 syllables; line three has 5 syllables. For more info, please visit www.HaikuFest.com

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