

The 10th Annual Haiku Festival Awards Program

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Introduction: Robert Conrad, Chicago Poetry Committee

Welcome: Regina Harris Baiocchi, Founder

Awards

1st Prize Raymond Patterson Award: **Olivia Cheng**, age 13, grade 8
University of Chicago Laboratory School: *Butterfly dances*

2nd Prize Nikki Giovanni Award: **Kara Donovan**, age 11, grade 6
St. Cornelius Elementary School: *We are like crayons*

3rd Prize Langston Hughes Award: **Alejandro Cortes**, age 14, grade 8
Charles Dawes Elementary School: *Veil of mournful smoke*

Gwendolyn Brooks Award: **Brandon Mota**, age 10, grade 5
Daniel Boone Elementary School: *My dad lost a foot*

Sonia Sanchez Founders Award: **Syed Ali**, age 14, grade 8
Jamieson Elementary School: *Drops of dew fall down*

10th Anniversary Anthology Cover Art: **Jailan Goss**, age 11, grade 5
Langston Hughes Elementary School

Honorable Mention for Cover Art: **Elizabeth Claybaker**, age 11, grade 6
St. Cornelius Elementary School

Adele Legere School-of-the-Year Award: **University of Chicago Lab. School**
Egnor Family Teacher-of-the-Year Award: **Ms. Joan Baley**, St. Christina School

Emily Dickinson #1 Poem of the School Awards

Avondale-Logandale School: **Josue Rivas**, age 9, grade 4, *Eagles are so cool*
Myra Blackwell School: **Joshua Shorter**, age 9, grade 3, *Snow day's really fun*
Michael Byrne Elementary: **Jacob Ramirez**, age 9, grade 3, *Tree decorating*

Josephine Locke School: **Lisa Sanders**, age 12, grade 6, *Sister who I love*
Langston Hughes: **Emanuel Brown**, age 10, grade 5, *The world has beauty*
John McCutcheon: **Sarah Nguyen**, age 12, grade 6, *Death and the Maiden*

Musical Interlude:

Carl Maria von Weber, "Finale" from *Concerto for Viola*
Michelle Manson, viola, age 13, grade 8, St. Thomas Lutheran, Chicago Heights
Yvonne Lindsay, piano
Musical Arts Institute 9244 South Lafayette, Chicago

Emily Dickinson #1 Poem of the School Awards (cont'd)

St. Bartholomew: **Rodrigo Gonzalez**, age 12, grade 7, *Cumulonimbus*
St. Christina: **Conor Joseph Larkin**, age 12, grade 7, *Dandelions fly*
St. Daniel: **Lawrence Schab**, age 12, grade 6, *Wolves howl at the moon*

St. Francis Borgia: **Grace Dougan**, age 12, grade 6, *The world at my hands*
St. Pascal: **Zachary Cicero**, age 13, grade 8, *Fog is so shady*
St. Symphorosa: **Jeremiah Ramirez**, age 10, grade 4, *Silent with darkness*
St. Viator: **Phillip Paloma**, age 10, grade 4, *The brown deer runs by*

Carl Sandburg Honorable Mention Awards

Alaric Alpuche, age 9, grade 4, St. Malachy: *I feel it often*
Andre Rowgalo, age 12 grade 7, St. Pascal: *Looking at paintings*
Angel Miguel, age 11, grade 6, McCutcheon: *The wind on my face*
Carolina Podstawska, age 12, grade 6, St. Francis Borgia: *My reflection shines*
Christian Carll-Moton, age 11, grade 5, Bret Harte: *Eyes of fire flash*

Daniel Czapla, age 11, grade 5, St. Cornelius: *A black picture waits*
Deborah Park, age 10, grade 5, Daniel Boone: *Sisters, sun and moon*
Deidre M. Kinzie, age 10, grade 4, St. Viator: *Glide across the ice*
Eliel Roa, age 8, grade 3, Michael Byrne Elem.: *Hard to catch scales*
Elizabeth Claybaker, age 11, grade 6, St. Cornelius: *Drugged, sleeping soundly*

Ellen Kevin, age 11, grade 5, St. Daniel the Prophet: *Splash in the water*
Emma Maze, age 13, grade 8, Home School, Hanahan, SC: *If you swim past sea*
Eric Peyronet, age 13, grade 8, St. Christina: *Some dead animals*
George Vesic, age 14, grade 8, Jamieson Elementary: *Cows grazing in fields*
Haelie Cannon, age 12, grade 8, Langston Hughes: *Freezing winter nights*

Jailan Goss, age 11, grade 5, Langston Hughes: *White clouds in the sky*
Javadia Stanil, age 8, grade 3, St. Malachy: *Food tastes very good*
John Grissom, age 14, grade 8, Univ. Chicago Lab. School: *Cool mist on my back*
Jonah Bauer, age 13, grade 8, Univ. Chicago. Lab. School: *The cloud is silent*
Jonathan Jimenez, age 12, grade 6, Locke Elementary: *Sound of wheels moving*

Musical Interlude: "Steal the Moon," *Digital Woman* CD

Haiku Fest Alum, **Steven Solomon**, age 24, has played professionally since age 10. He debuted at Carnegie Hall in 2010, performed at Chicago Symphony Center, Jazz Showcase, Pritzker Stage in Millennium Park, and scores of premier venues. Steven graduated with honors from WIU, Macomb, IL, as a music education and piano performance double major. Please visit StevenSolomon.com



Carl Sandburg Honorable Mention Awards (cont'd)

Karina Lechuga, age 12, grade 7, St. Bartholomew: *So there is this boy*
Katherine Do, age 14, grade 8, Jamieson Elementary: *Sent away to peace*
Kennedy Harris, age 13, grade 8, Betty Shabazz ICS: *Capturing beauty*
Lauren Piesha, age 13, grade 7, St. Christina: *A pretty flower*
Matthew Gross, age 12, grade 6, St. Pascal: *an old oak tree*

Meghan Behnke, age 13, grade 6, U. Chicago Lab. School: *I wish cats were pink*
Nereida Villalobos, age 12, grade 6, Locke Elementary: *A poor girl whispers*
Scot Zabieski, age 11, grade 5, St. Francis Borgia: *Fragile homework gone*
Pierre Carll-Moton, age 11, grade 6, Bret Harte: *The building's color*
Princess Bell, age 9, grade 3, Myra Bradwell: *Dance in the mirror*

Russell Bransfield, 13, gr. 7, Lane Tech Academic Center: *I feel the warm breeze*
Selena Kostic, age 13, grade 8, Jamieson Elementary: *Down from the heavens*
Sunny Meva, age 12, grade 7, St. Pascal: *We can't find Yoda*

Melanie Goris, age 11, grade 5, St. Francis Borgia: *Keep following dreams*
Tony Ruan, age 14, grade 8, Jamieson Elementary: *The glow of sunset*
Victoria Tegge, age 13, grade 8, St. Christina: *A gorgeous lake*

Judges Response Haiku: Allen, Bowden, Delgado, Jones, Watson

Special Guest Poet



Professor Sonia Sanchez is an internationally-acclaimed poet, scholar, and activist. She has written more than 20 books and helped pioneer the Black Arts Movement. Sanchez has received the Robert Frost Medal and the Langston Hughes Award, among many other literary laurels; and distinctions for her advocacy on behalf of peace, justice and women's rights. Sanchez is the Laura Carnell Professor of English and Women's Studies at Temple University. As Poet Laureate of Philadelphia, Professor Sanchez created peace haiku murals, benches, et cetera with Toni Morrison, Common, and other artists.

Japanese Drummers

Tsukasa Taiko Youth Ensemble: Mark Aburano-Meister, Neil Ducklow
Koki James, Morgan Mican, Kenji Mulhall, and Noriko Sugiyama
Tatsu Aoki, Founding Director

Closing Remarks • Book Signing: Prof. Sonia Sanchez

Local Teachers & Schools

Mr. Antoine Barnes, Langston Hughes Elementary
Mr. Brian DeVarenne, William P. Gray Elementary
Mr. Joseph Drogos, University of Chicago Laboratory School
Mr. Michael Hatcher, Bret Harte Elementary
Mr. Michael Stanton, St. Malachy
Mr. Sam Nekrosius, University of Chicago Lab. School
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Ms. Amy Lucas, St. Pascal
Ms. Catherine Smith, St. Viator
Ms. Donyale Wallace, Betty Shabazz International Charter School
Ms. Joanna Hopson, Langston Hughes Elementary
Ms. Jameel Sultana, Daniel Boone Elementary
Ms. Jan Yourist, University of Chicago Lab. School
Ms. Jennifer Pease, Avondale-Logandale Elementary
Ms. Joan Baley, St. Christina
Ms. Joann Serafin, St. Daniel the Prophet

Ms. Kendrea Williams, Bret Harte Elementary
Ms. Kathleen Gienko, St. Bartholomew
Ms. Katie Patton, Agustin Lara Elementary Academy
Ms. Kelly Szlak-Aimone, St. Cornelius
Ms. Kiesha Arrington, Arrington Academy
Ms. Kimberly Noschese, St. Pascal
Ms. Kirsten Musetti, Myra Bradwell School of Excellence
Ms. Laura Teubert, St. Pascal
Ms. Linda Jania, St. Symphorosa

Ms. Lisa Miller, University of Chicago Lab. School
Ms. Lisa Sukenic, University of Chicago Lab. School
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Ms. Natalia Papciak, Michael M. Byrne Elementary
Ms. Nicole Schuch, Michael M. Byrne Elementary
Ms. Nilsa Lopezlena, Avondale-Logandale Elementary
Ms. Paula Settefrati, St. Francis Borgia
Ms. Peggy Doyle, University of Chicago Lab. School

Teachers & Schools (cont'd)



Ms. Rachel Maze, Home School, Hanahan, SC
Ms. Julianne Riedle, John T. McCutcheon Elem.
Ms. Rosemary Barilla, Jamieson Elementary
Ms. Sharon Thomas, Charles Gates Dawes Elem.
Ms. Carmelia Shipp, Langston Hughes Elementary
Ms. Staci Garner, University of Chicago Lab. School
Ms. Jimena Talavera, Pilsen Community Academy
Ms. Thelma Fitzgerald, John T. McCutcheon Elem.
Ms. Veronica Thomas, Langston Hughes Elem.
Ms. Darlene Heiberger, St. Pascal Elementary
Ms. Mitsuko Rokuhira, Langston Hughes Elem.
Ms. Ruth Seidner, Daniel Boone Elementary School

Haiku Festival Judges

Haiku Festival is eternally grateful to the following 2014 Judges who generously gave 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*.

Guillermo Delgado is an artist with a passion for art creation and teaching. He teaches at MSU. *waxingcrescenthaiku.com* features his daily haiku.

Dr. Wayne Allen Jones, publisher of *fractaledgepress* and author of three (3) books of poetry, works as an educator and psychotherapist.

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, and is writing a sci-fi novel.

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

Haiku Festival Founder

In 2004 author, composer and educator, **Regina Harris Baiocchi** founded Haiku Festival, as inspired by one of her mentors Ms. 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, and many artists.

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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