

The 14th Annual Haiku Festival Awards Program

Dedicated to Mrs. Adele Legere

1100 poets and 52 teachers from 26 schools

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Introduction: Maureen Kennedy, Chicago Poetry Committee

Welcome: Regina Harris Baiocchi, Founder

Awards for Grades 3rd - 4th

1st Place Raymond Patterson Award: **Mario Rodriguez**, age 10, grade 4,
Avondale-Logandale, *sparkles in the sea*

2nd Place Nikki Giovanni Award: **Clara Blucher**, age 10, grade 4,
University of Chicago Laboratory, *I swat. The bee stings*

3rd Place Langston Hughes Award: **Hassanat Atoro-Hassan**, age 9, grade 4,
Passages Charter, *one, two, three, quack, quack*

Awards for Grades 5th - 6th

1st Place Sonia Sanchez Award: **Olivia Adams**, age 11, grade 5,
University of Chicago Laboratory, *when I cry I'm trapped*

2nd Place Ama Patterson Award: **Ting Ting Chen**, age 12, grade 6,
John Haines Elementary, *the waves embrace you*

3rd Place e. e. cummings Award: **Victoria Falkowski**, age 12, grade 6,
St. Francis Borgia, *in the alleyways*

Awards for Grades 7th - 8th

1st Place Tracy K. Smith Award: **Abe Callard**, age 14, grade 8,
University of Chicago Laboratory, *the centipede crawls*

2nd Place Pablo Neruda Award: **Jonathan Liu**, age 14, grade 8,
University of Chicago Laboratory, *my brush, to the page*

3rd Place Sandra Cisneros Award: **Tenzin Karma**, age 13, grade 8,
University of Chicago Laboratory, *eyes of lucid blue*

Brooks & Founders Awards

Gwendolyn Brooks CPS Award: **Jessenia Diaz**, age 12, grade 6,
Josephine Locke, *my cat purrs in glee*

Gwendolyn Brooks CPS Award: **Adan Vazquez**, age 11, grade 6,
John Haines, *the angry wolf lurks*

Kevin Young Founders Award: **Yusouf Hakim**, age 11, grade 5,
Avery Coonley, *stuck in the blizzard*

Lyoers Family Teacher-of-the-Year: **Ms. Rebecca Grober**, John Haines
Honorable Mention: **Ms. Mindy Gonzalez**, Josephine Locke and
Ms. Nilsa Lopezlena, Avondale-Logandale

Adele Legere School-of-the-Year Award: Josephine Locke Elementary:
Ms. Mindy Gonzalez, Ms. Joann Hernandez and Ms. Kristina Jubera

Richard Blanco Award #1 Poem of each School

Victoria Taylor, age 12, grade 6, Alex Haley, *spring is wonderful*

Gabriella Aviles, age 12, grade 6, Norman Bridge, *I feel like a cloud*

Madelyn Fay, age 13, grade 7, Plum Grove Jr. High, *chaotic loudness*

Lilly McCarthy, age 11, grade 6, Queen of Angels, *look at your handprints*

Asia Howard, age 12, grade 7, St. Angela, *the flowers will bloom*

Angelo Alonzo, age 10, grade 5, St. Barbara, *daffodils, tulips*

Claire Cotter, age 10, grade 5, St. Christina, *seashells in the sand*

Mariana Diaz, age 10, grade 5, St. Gerald, *warm flowers blooming*

Maksym Ivanyshyn-Ugryn, age 10, grade 4, St. Nicholas, *looking for some nuts*

Jayden Edwards, age 14, grade 8, St. Sylvester (tie), *I am a fruit bat*

Leila Gomez, age 14, grade 8, St. Sylvester (tie), *roses are not brown*

Sarah Isa, St. Thomas of Canterbury, age 12, grade 7, *I envy the wind*

Rebecca Spears, age 9, grade 4, St. Viator, *I am nine right now*

Musical Interlude:

Variations on a Corelli Theme for violin
and piano by Fritz Kreisler, 1910

Autymn Williams, violin

Daniel Schlosberg, piano



Juan Filipe Herrera Honorable Mention Award

Yeny Vargas, age 9, grade 4, Avondale-Logandale, *dogs are so messy*

Ashley Zielinski, age 13, grade 8, St. Francis Borgia, *such tedious days*

Lucy Bruns, age 11, grade 5, Avery Coonley, *a luminous lake*

Sebastian Garcia, age 9, grade 3, Michael Byrne, *cones, a part of life*

Abigail Leyden, age 13, grade 7, St Mary of the Woods, *rocks bathe in the sun*

Jackie Liu, age 12, grade 6, John Haines, *branches like a blade*

Mackenzie Fodrey, age 11, grade 5, Avery Coonley, *a page a canvas*

Aashka Trivedi, age 13, grade 7, Avery Coonley, *a shadow of doubt*

Alexandre Roh, age 10, grade 4, University of Chicago Lab., *in their special coats*

Angelica Podstawska, age 12, grade 6, St. Francis Borgia, *beautiful flowers*

Taig Singh, age 13, grade 8, University of Chicago Lab., *it's slender body*

Dzeneta Redzovic, age 14, grade 8, Passages Charter, *ice cream and Netflix*

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Introducing our Guest Poet:

Poet, editor, translator, **Dr. Ruben Quesada** directs Latinx Writers Caucus. He teaches at Vermont College, Columbia College, UCLA and ChiArts. His publications include *Next Extinct Mammal*, translations of Pablo Neruda and Luis Cernuda. His poems are widely published. He edited the forthcoming *Latino Poetics* (Univ. New Mexico Press).

Guest Poet's Reading



Angela Trudell Vasquez is a poet, writer, performer, activist, teacher and third-generation Mexican-American. Angie holds an MFA degree in poetry from the Institute of American Indian Arts and BA from Drake University. While at Drake, she was a Ruth Lilly Fellow. Angie served as poetry panelist at Split This Rock! Poetry Festival. Her poems have been published in *Taos Journal of Poetry*, *Yellow Medicine Review*, *Raven Chronicles*, *San*

Diego Poetry, *Subtle Forces*, *Return to the Gathering Place of the Waters* and *Cloudthroat*. Angie won Pushcart nominations for poetry and essays. Her books: *The Force Your Face Carries* and *Love in War Time* were published by Art Night Books. A third volume will be published in 2018.

Angie Vasquez teaches workshops to writers of all ages. She developed the ACLU Wisconsin's Youth Poetry Workshops and presented at Split This Rock! Her poems appear in *Echolocations: Poets Map Madison*, *Turn Up the Volume: Poems About Wisconsin*, *Verse Wisconsin*, *Burdock*, *New Verse News*, *Real Change*, *Raven Chronicles* and *Chazen Museum of Art Bridge Poetry Series*. Angie was a featured poet and performing artist at Bumbershoot, Seattle's annual music and art festival, and the Latina Monologues in Milwaukee. She received the Voices Award from Planned Parenthood's Roe v. Wade Celebration in her hometown, Madison, Wisconsin. (Angie's photo: Sarah Karon)

Musical Postlude: **Tsukasa Taiko Youth Ensemble**, Director: Tatsu Aoki
Noriko Sugiyama, Kiyomi Negi, Neil Ducklow, Mark Aburano- Meister,
Collin Wong and Hana James

Closing Remarks, Book Sales: Regina Harris Baiocchi

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Ms. Tara Frazier	Alex Haley Academy
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Judges & Founder

Haiku Festival is grateful to 2018 Judges who contribute to our success:

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

Prof. Samuel Barbour teaches economics at Roosevelt University and Joliet Junior College. His haiku are published in various economics journals.

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.

Michael Covenant Watson, former radio host of *Wordslingers* poetry program, www.wordslingers.org, is writing a sci-fi novel.

Poet, author and composer, **Regina Baiocchi** founded Haiku Festival. Her books include: *Indigo Sound*, *Urban Haiku* and *Blues Haiku*. Chicago Symphony, Detroit Symphony, US Army Band and others have performed and recorded her music. Events: Haiku for Teachers, Sejong Cultural Society: PF 1335 S. Michigan, 12 May Free concert: 18 May, 7:30, Ganz Hall, 430 So. Michigan ReginaHarrisBaiocchi.com

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Haiku Festival celebrates children through poetry and promotes literacy for people of all ages. Haiku is a poetic form with Japanese and Chinese roots. Haiku are often about nature, use irony and 3 lines: 5-7-5 syllables. Our logo consists of two Japanese characters: 俳 (actor) + 句 (sentence) denote the haiku poet and poetry, respectively. Founded in 2004, Haiku Festival is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

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

Awards: 1st Place is \$100. 2nd Place is \$50. 3rd Place is \$20. G. Brooks or Founders award: \$25. #1 Poem of the School is \$10. HM: pin. All poets receives certificates.

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Judges Haiku

These student haiku inspired responses from the Judges and Founder.

such tedious days/following routines by rote/feeling like caged souls, Ashley Zielinski, St. Francis Borgia
reply: inhale exhale ah-h-h

gliding beyond all boundaries
eternally free – **Marilyn Allen**

dogs are so messy/cutest animals around/ but they poop a lot, Yeny Vargas, Avondale-Logandale

people are crazy
following their dogs around
scoop and bag in hand – **Samuel Barbour**

a page a canvas/ every sentence a paint stroke/ a jewel of words Mackenzie Fodrey, Avery Coonley

I look forward to
the story your life will tell
creative beauty – **Judith Bowden**

branches like a blade/swinging high, touching the sky/soon it will all die, Jackie Liu, J. Haines

willows near the stream
scream out scents when webworms bite
friends listen, rise up--**Wayne Jones**

a shadow of doubt, a whisper of all the hurt/ a scream of silence, Aashka Trivedi, Avery Coonley

drag doubt into light
own your hurt with shouts of rage
your footsteps whisper – **Michael Watson**

roses are not brown/ violets are not orange/ love stories are sad, Leila Gomez, St. Sylvester

tucked in a bouquet
scented note sealed with a tear
papier-mâché heart – **Regina Harris Baiocchi**





Ryan Jones, age 14, grade 8, created bonsai trees (above) using Notan techniques he learned in Ms. Solomon's Fine Arts class. Notan is the Japanese art of paper cutting. Artists play with light and dark elements. The art is created by cutting, composing and placing (juxtaposing). Three-dimensional art is made using a two-dimensional technique. Thanks to Ryan Jones, Dereon Boone, Kendriq Britten, Chaneá Burson, Desiah Pole-Harris, Nathaniel Jones, Emmanuel Voker, Ms. Cynthia Solomon and Ms. Melody Farmer at **Alex Haley Academy**.

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