

The 15th Annual Haiku Festival Awards Program

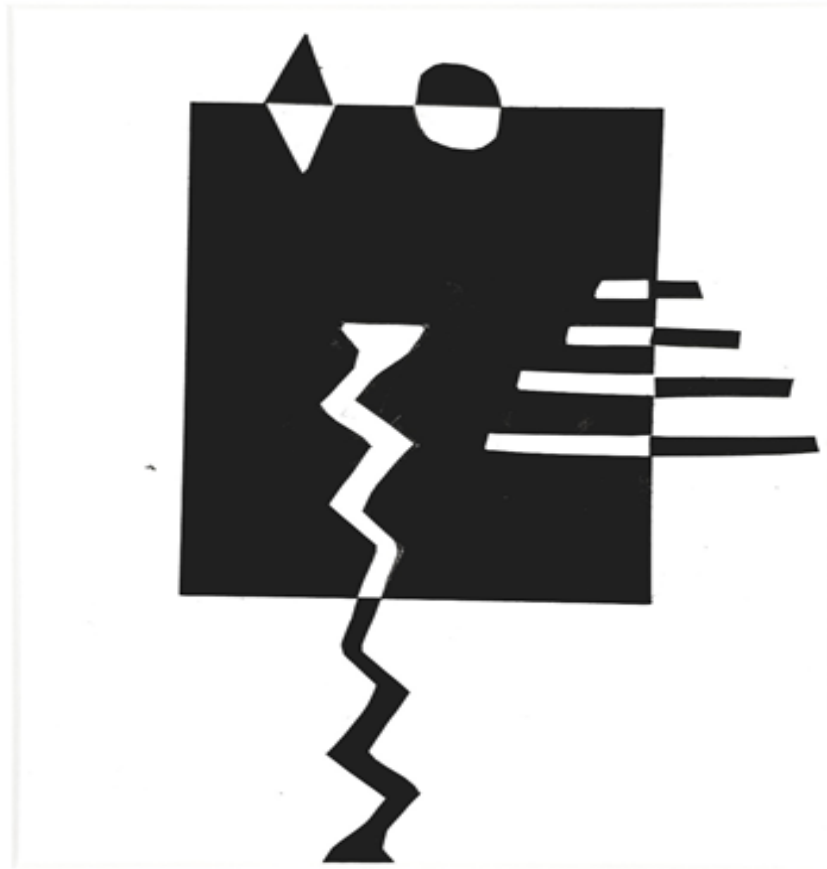
Dedicated to Kathleen & Robert Egnor

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Celebrating National Poetry Month

Saturday, 27 April 2019, 10:00 AM

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Introduction: Maureen Kennedy, Chicago Poetry Committee

Welcome: Regina Harris Baiocchi, Founder

Awards for Grades 3rd - 4th

1st Place Janice Harrington Award: **Elizabeth Augustine**, 9, St. Symphorosa, *the pond is quiet*

2nd Place Mary Oliver Award: **Emma Diericx**, 10, Christ the King, *ocean waves flowing*

3rd Place Langston Hughes Award: **Loza Yared**, 10, Sacred Heart/Hardy, *he packed all his things*

Awards for Grades 5th - 6th

1st Place Sonia Sanchez Award: **Michelle Yu**, 12, John Haines Elem., *silver lined clouds high*

2nd Place Ama & Raymond Patterson Award: **Lucy Bruns**, 12, Avery Coonley, *a noisy kitchen*

3rd Place Kevin Young Award: **Jordan Marshall**, 11, Avery Coonley, *hear my voice ring out*

Awards for Grades 7th - 8th

1st Place Tracy K. Smith Award: **Fermi Boonstra**, 13, U. Chicago Lab Sch., *old graffitied notes*

2nd Place Pablo Neruda Award: **Sofia Niedaszkowski**, 13, UCLS, *I sit out and stare*

3rd Place Nicole Sealey Award: **Sasha Watson**, 13, UCLS, *little raindrop sits*

Brooks & Founders Awards

Gwendolyn Brooks CPS Award: **Irmani Johnson**, 12, Amelia Earhart School, *I visit a friend*

Kevin Young Founders Award: **Rashaad Armstrong**, 11, Haines Elem., *the grace of my soul*

Teacher & School Awards

Lyvers Family Teacher-of-the-Year: **Ms. Rebecca Grober**, John Haines Elementary

Honorable Mention: **Ms. Mindy Gonzalez**, Josephine Locke Elementary, and

Ms. Lauren McNeela, Norman Bridge Elementary

Adele Legere School-of-the-Year Award: **Josephine Locke Elem.:** Ms. Mindy Gonzalez

Honorable Mention: **John Haines Elementary**, Ms. Rebecca Grober

Avondale-Logandale Elementary, Ms. Nilsa Lopezlena

Norman Bridge Elementary, Ms. Lauren McNeela

Original Nōtan Art: **Cynthia M. Solomon**, Alex Haley Academy Fine Arts Teacher

Jacqueline Woodson Award: #1 Poem of each School

André Jones, 13, Alex Haley Academy, *the alligator*

Isabel Wallingford 9, Avondale-Logandale, *rainy skies are grey*

Gael Granados, 14, Galileo Scholastic Academy, *All of it is art.*

Aleksander Sarnacki, 9, High Point Elementary, *the smell of spring air*

Yalin Xu, 9, James Ward Elementary, *sockeye salmon dart*

#1 Poem of each School (continued)

Reianna Carmona, 12, Josephine Locke Elementary, *in Puerto Rico*
Itzel Clemente, 9, Michael Byrne Elementary, *the owl saw herself*
Isabella Figueroa, 12, Near North Montessori, *nestled in her heart*
Cielo Barrera, 11, Newton Bateman Elementary, *Dear Broken Mirror*
Lizbeth Sanchez, 12, Norman Bridge Elementary, *the sun was shining*

Sana Musa, 12, Passages Charter School, *I am a Muslim*
Levyn Mathew, 13, Plum Grove Jr. High, *see the silent lawn*
Waverly Adams, 12, Pope John XXIII, *ocean glittering*
Tim Witchger, 13, Queen of Angels, *one world, all people*

Kaylee Guzman, 10, St. Barbara, *on a cold fall day*
Kieter Kling, 11, St. Christina, *the beauty of space*
Ryan Stanek, 11, St. Francis Borgia, *old dinosaur bones*
Maddie Stritch, 11, St Francis Xavier LaGrange, *she slides into home*

Ellie Rademaker, 12, St Monica Academy, *strum of the guitar*
Lidia Gebreyes, 13, St Thomas Canterbury, *red and yellow leaves*
Finn Hogan, 11, St Viator, *spring has come again*
Dymond Samuels, 10, Washington Irving School, *kinky, puffy hair*

Musical Interlude:

Macedonian Mountain Dance, Alan Hovhaness
Sonata in E Minor, Hob. XVI: 34, I. "Presto,"
Franz Josef Haydn

Kené Obiaya, pianist,
age 12, Ancona School



Juan Filipe Herrera Honorable Mention Award

Yesi Carpintero, 12, Minnie Mars Jamieson Elementary, *in the dark abyss*
Josie Hass, 10, Academy of the Sacred Heart/Hardy Prep, *I went on a ship*
Natalie Galindo, 10, High Point Elementary, *dolphins are shrieking*

Qiting Mei, 12, John Haines Elementary, *my hands like to clap*
Emma Ciesla, 13, University of Chicago Laboratory School, *wish upon a star*

Katelin Brock, 13, Amelia Earhart School, *as pain grows inside*
Jacelyn Roman, 11, Josephine Locke Elementary, *roses are not black*
Roxane Bushofsky, 13, Near North Montessori, *salty summer tears*

Kamyra Harrison, 11, John Haines Elementary, *the door creaks open*
Danielle Toren, 14, St Francis Borgia, *mystery writer*

Guest Poet's Reading



Janice Harrington is a poet and author of children's books. She won a National Endowment for the Arts Literature Fellowship for Poetry and a Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers' Award. Her children's books, *Going North* (2004) and *The Chicken Chasing Queen of Lamar County* (2007) won many awards, citations, the listing among *TIME* Magazine's top 10 children's books, and the Ezra Jack Keats Award from the New York Public Library.

Professor Harrington's first book of poetry, *Even the Hollow My Body Made Is Gone* (2007), won the A. Poulin, Jr. Poetry Prize from BOA Editions and the Kate Tufts Discovery Award. Her second book of poetry, *The Hands of Strangers: Poems from the Nursing Home*, came out in 2011. Her third poetry book, *Primitive: The Art and Life of Horace H. Pippin*, appeared in 2016.

Prof. Harrington's poetry appears regularly in US literary magazines. She has worked as a librarian and teaches creative writing at the University of Illinois, Urbana. For tips on how to teach her books, visit "Children's Books" at <https://www.janiceharrington.com/books.html>

Musical Postlude

Tsukasa Taiko: Tatsu Aoki, Kiyomi Negi, Directors; Mark Aburano-Meister, Colin Wong, Kembre Daniel, Hana James, Mia Finley, Olivia Mori, and Owen Mori

Closing Remarks: Regina Harris Baiocchi

Book Signing: Janice Harrington

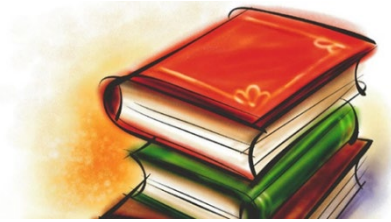
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Haiku Festival is grateful to 2019 Judges who contribute to our success:

Writer and poet **Marilyn Allen** 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 CPS 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*, is writing a sci-fi novel.

Toni Asante Lightfoot is an author, performance poet, and professional acupuncturist.

Composer and author, **Regina Harris 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 her music. Her next free concert is Friday, 18 May, 7:30 PM, Sherwood Auditorium, 1312 South Michigan. Please visit: www.ReginaHarrisBaiocchi.com

Haiku Festival

Haiku Festival celebrates children through poetry and promotes literacy among everyone. 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 2 characters: 俳 (actor) + 句 (poetry). Founded in 2004, Haiku Fest is a 501c3 non-profit entity. Donations to us are tax deductible.

Poems are chosen on the basis of appeal, originality, technique (images, rhythm, figurative language), mechanics (spelling, grammar, syntax) and format (5-7-5). Awards include 1st Place: \$100. 2nd Place: \$50. 3rd Place: \$20. Brooks/Founders: \$25, #1 Poem per School: \$10. Every poet receives a certificate.

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Judges' Haiku

These 2019 student haiku inspired responses from the Judges and Founder.

silver lined clouds high/ all the chances in the world/ yet she wanted gold, Michelle Yu, Haines Elem.

reply: 14-carat streets

with all the world at her feet
wishing for diamonds – **Marilyn Allen**

old graffitied notes/ fill the bricks with cries for help/ the wall crumbles down, Fermi Boonstra, 13, 8, UCLS

faceless soldiers make
their marks on decaying wall
who can translate them? – **Judy Bowden**

I visit a friend/ he's surrounded by others/ and six feet under, Irmani Johnson, 12, Amelia Earhart School

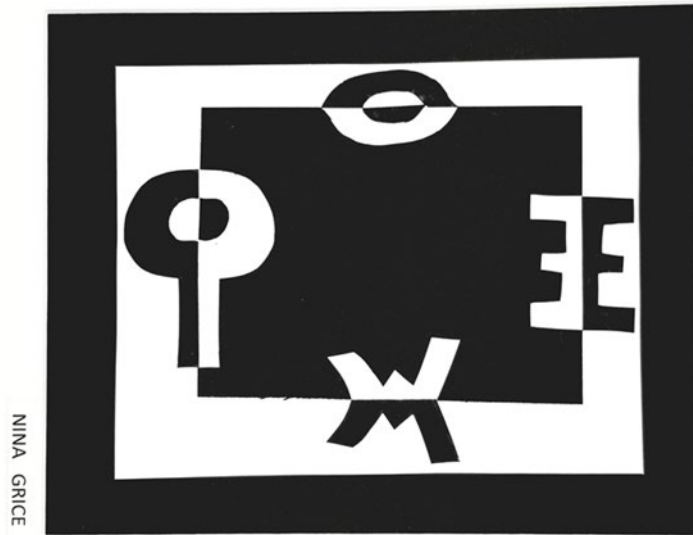
I find his name etched,
stones cramped, aligned, narrow rows:
some folks stacked three deep – **Dr. Wayne Allen Jones**

strum of the guitar/ press of the piano's keys/ distant melodies, 12, Ellie Rademaker, St Monica Academy

Spinning Maggot Brain
polyrhythmic shrieks genius
jazz and rock transcend – **Michael Covenant Watson**

Dear Broken Mirror/ You are now broken like me/ But glue can't fix me, Cielo Barrera, Newton Bateman

cracked looking glass shows
brokenness made whole again –
'til circus breaks camp – **Regina Harris Baiocchi**



Shanese Thomas (age 10) created the front cover art. **Nina Grice** (age 12) created the “poem” art (above). Both artists used Nōtan techniques they learned in Ms. Cynthia Solomon’s Fine Arts class at Alex Haley Academy. **Nōtan** is the Japanese art of paper cutting. Artists play with light and dark elements. Artists cut, compose, place and replace elements. Three-dimensional art is made using two-dimensional techniques. Nōtan (濃 淡) is Japanese for "light-dark harmony".

Thanks to all who submitted art: Chikezirim Ohalete, Najae Lewis, Cheyenne Hassan, Dafarajay Rodgers, Jayla Jackson, and **Ms. Cynthia Solomon**, the Fine Arts Teacher at **Alex Haley Academy**.

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