The 15th Annual Haiku Festival Awards Program
Dedicated to Kathleen & Robert Egno
2068 poets and 84 teachers from 42 schools

Celebrating National Poetry Month

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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, UCS, I sit out and stare
3rd Place Nicole Sealey Award: Sasha Watson, 13, UCS, 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
**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.


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](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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Ms. Rebecca Grober    John Haines Elementary
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Ms. Joanne Hernandez  Josephine Locke Elementary
Ms. Kristina Jubera       Josephine Locke Elementary
Ms. Mary Selim          Josephine Locke Elementary
Ms. Mindy Gonzalez    Josephine Locke Elementary
Ms. Sharon Kells       Josephine Locke Elementary
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Ms. Lindsay Mueller  Skinner North Classical School
Ms. Bridget Mooney    St. Ann School
Ms. Phyllis LoPiccolo   St. Barbara School
2019 Participants (continued)

Ms. Joan Baley  St. Christina School
Ms. Paula Settefrati  St. Francis Borgia
Ms. Laura Walls  St. Francis Xavier LaGrange
Ms. Karen Taylor  St. Mary School
Ms. Olivia Bober  St. Mary School
Ms. Courtney Wilwers  St. Monica Academy

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Ms. Kelli Kielusiak  St. Therese School
Ms. Patricia Brock  St. Thomas of Canterbury
Ms. Anne McGrath  St. Viator School
Ms. Catherine Smith  St. Viator School

Mr. Joseph Drogos  University of Chicago Laboratory School (UCLS)
Mr. Sam Nekrosius  University of Chicago Laboratory School
Ms. Janice Moy  University of Chicago Laboratory School
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Ms. Lisa Miller  University of Chicago Laboratory School
Ms. Peggy Doyle  University of Chicago Laboratory School
Ms. Staci Garner  University of Chicago Laboratory School
Ms. Stephanie Mitzenmacher  University of Chicago Laboratory School
Mr. Nonilon Urgel  Washington Irving Elementary
Ms. Patricia Howell  Washington Irving Elementary

Judges & Founder

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) + 旬 (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,
estones 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 re-place 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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