

俳句 Haiku Festival

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Haiku Festival celebrates children through poetry, while promoting literacy.

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Dear Poets, Parents, and Teachers,

Enclosed are winning Haiku Festival 2020 poems. Congratulations and thanks to all winners and participants! We will notify you when our 16th Annual Awards Program is rescheduled. Meanwhile, **First Place Poets, ASAP**, send us your high-resolution headshots for our website. Be safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Regina Harris Baiocchi

Founder, Haiku Festival

1st Place Winners

Margaret Mary Callahan, grade 3, age 8, Ascension Catholic, Oak Park, IL

beautiful dancers
flying angels in the night
watching over you

Kierra Chambers, grade 5, age 10, St. Christina Elementary

aging bonsai
owners seeking perfection
patience rewarded

Naomi Kidane, grade 7, age 12, St. Thomas of Canterbury

spring leans on winter
Warm breezes uproot the chill
Sweet earth is ready

Gwendolyn Brooks Award: Reese Carey, grade 6, age 12, Norman Bridge Elementary

the lanterns raised high
geishas dance in the moonlight
flowers shake with joy

Founders Award: Helen Kraemer, grade 7, age 12, University of Chicago Laboratory School

scuffed wooden floorboards
barren walls suppressed with fear
they have all left me

School of the Year: Ms. Mindy Gonzalez, Josephine Locke Elementary

Teacher of the Year: Ms. Lauren McNeela, Norman Bridge Elementary

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2020 Honorable Mentions

Poets whose haiku won Honorable Mention and poems they inspired Judges to write:

Rogelio Arroyo, age 10, grade 4, Locke Elem.

rain comes down today
a bad wet gloomy feeling
that makes me real now

Bree Chambers, age 10, gr. 5, St. Christina

beautiful night sky
creatures silently sleeping
habitats in reach

Paulina Rivera, age 13, gr. 7, J. Locke Elem.

my sweater is warm
it smells old and of perfume
I feel safe in it

Betlehem Berhane, 13, 7, St. Thomas Canterbury

birds chirping softly
the opera begins now
sweet songs, soothing sounds

Adrian Sanchez, age 9, gr. 3, St. Symphorosa

cookies are good. Right?
especially with cold milk
milk and cookies rule

Charlotte Senese, age 10, gr. 5, St. Christina

Renga response: Nilsa Lopezlenaz

violets blue as sky
waving hello to the dawn
breathtaking meadow

morning rays blowing kisses
gentle dew - droplets of love

Response to R. Arroyo: Wayne Jones

rain falls, says nothing
if drops were noisy pebbles
dead desert, no tears

Response to B. Chambers: Michael Watson

night beasts prowl the veldt
footfalls slip through spring twilight
prey hides from the sky

Response P. Rivera: Marilyn Allen

caressed by lamb's wool
jasmine and juniper laced
mother's sweet embrace

Response to B. Berhane: Judith Bowden

I wait for morning
to bring forth its sweet medley
of wake up music.

Response to A. Sanchez: Samuel Barbour

milk and cookies rule:
if you've got milk and cookies,
share them with someone

Helen Kraemer, age 12, gr. 7, U. Chicago Lab.

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they have all left me

Response to H. Kraemer, Founders Award:

Regina Harris Baiocchi

each room I enter
reeks of comings and goings
our home misses you