

俳句 Haiku Festival

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Haiku Festival celebrates children through poetry, while promoting literacy.

April 2021

Dear Poets, Parents, and Teachers,

Congratulations! Our Judges proudly announce the 17th Annual Haiku Festival Awards.
Please note: **Poets must read at this Saturday's awards program to receive cash prizes.**

Award Winners

Grades 3-4:

Jane Wiltrout, St. Josephat, age 10, grade 4: \$100 1st Prize, "the horse of white snow..."

Lydia Hayne, St. Josephat, age 9, grade 4: \$25 Runner-up, "berets surround me..."

Grades 5-6:

Adrian Walasik, Josephine Locke, age 11, grade 6: \$100 1st Prize, "leaves fall in the woods..."

Adrian Neville, Staton Elem., Vegas, age 10, grade 5: \$25 Runner-up, "the hate is spreading..."

Grades 7-8:

Quiyu Ruan, John Haines Elem. age 13, grade 7: \$100 1st Prize, "playing on the slide..."

Harper Horn, Near North Montessori, 13, grade 8: \$25 Runner-up, "toasty marshmallows..."

Gwendolyn Brooks Award: **Ting Yang**, Haines Elem., 12, 6: \$50 Prize, "across the night sky..."

Founders Award: **Julia Rodriguez**, Chappell Elem., age 9, grade 4: \$50 Prize, "lily pads dancing..."

Essay Winner: **Aiman Imran**, Avery Coonley School, age 13, grade 8: \$100 1st Prize

Maeve Brunell, St. Monica Academy, age 14, grade 8: \$25 Runner-up

Program cover artist: **Alyssa Clark**, age 13, grade 7, Alex Haley Academy: \$25 Nōtan Design

Teachers of the Year: Rebecca Grober, John Haines; Courtney Wilwers, St. Monica Academy

School of the Year: Josephine Locke Elem.: Joann Lindley-Hernandez and Mindy Gonzalez

Poets, please practice reading aloud slowly: your full name, school, grade, age, poem – twice.

Winners must be present and read at our 17th Annual Awards program to claim cash awards:

Saturday, 10 April 2021, 10:AM CST on zoom. Look forward to seeing you this Saturday.

Sincerely,

Regina Harris Baiocchi

Founder, Haiku Festival

Attachment: winning poems,

zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81337380778?pwd=aDhCaGVGaEhrcEZGUXEwMVN1NlpZZz09>

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2021 Haiku Festival Award Winners

Jane Wiltrout, St. Josephat, 10, 4:

the horse of white snow
gallops straight across the sky
shaking her white tail

Lydia Hayne, St. Josephat, 9, 4:

berets surround me
nights in Paris are magic
I feel like a queen

Adrian Walasik, Locke, 11, 6:

leaves fall in the woods
crunching underneath my shoes
inner peace awaits

Adrian Neville, Staton Elem. (Denver) 10, 5:

the hate is spreading
listen for roars of marching
as the past repeats

Quiyu Ruan, Haines Elem. 13, 7:

playing on the slide
her smile showed pure ecstasy
but her eyes did not

Harper Horn, Near North Montessori, 13, 8:

toasty marshmallows
touch the burnt embers of fire
gold bliss on my tongue

Ting Yang, John Haines Elem., 12, 6:

across the night sky
icy rocks fly past swiftly
orbiting the sun

Julia Rodriguez, Eliza Chappell Elem., 9, 4:

lily pads dancing
frogs are singing melodies
the water ballet

Aiman Imran, Avery Coonley, 13, 8, essay:

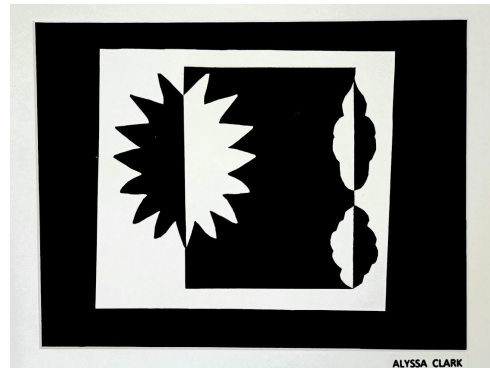
How the Global Pandemic Affects Me/ My Writing

Maeve Brunell, St. Monica Acad., 14, 8, essay:

How I Changed Over Lockdown

Alyssa Clark, Alex Haley Academy, 13, 7:

Program cover artist, Nōtan design
Cynthia Solomon, Fine Arts Teacher



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Thanks to all poets, schools, and judges for sharing in our 17th Annual Haiku Festival workshops, readings, and events. Haiku Fest celebrates children through poetry and the arts, while promoting literacy.