

2021 Georgia River of Words



2021 Poetry National Grand Prize Winner

Category I

Brooklynn Long, grade 1, *Winter is Coming*, Decatur

2021 Poetry National Finalists

Category I

Buckley Gresham, grade 1, *Overfishing*, International Montessori School, Auburn, Teacher: Andrea O'Herron

Flynn MacQueen, grade 2, *Tiny Turtles*, Springmont School, Atlanta, Teachers: Theresa Dean, Chris Cone

Category II

Brielle Cliett, grade 3, *Nature's Love*, Springmont School, Atlanta, Teachers: Theresa Dean, Chris Cone

Caleigh Parker, grade 5, *Spider Lily*, Windsor Forest Elementary School, Savannah, Teacher: Jessica Roberts

Caleb Shelton, grade 4, *Spectacular Starfish*, South Douglas Elementary School, Douglasville, Teachers: Thomas Bruno, Elizabeth Shadix

Charlie Valk, grade 4, *Toes*, The Paideia School, Atlanta, Teachers: Emily Schreck, Emily Orr

Category III

Blake Anderson, grade 8, *Adapt Like Water*, The Walker School, Marietta, Teacher: Mary Ann Stillerman

Mary Beaver, grade 8, *Man on the Moon*, The Walker School, Marietta, Teacher: Mary Ann Stillerman

Alexandra Huynh, grade 6, *Dancing With Firefly*, The Paideia School, Atlanta

Category IV

Zemmie Mullis, grade 12, *Along the Basin*, Walnut Grove High School, Loganville, Teacher: Kelly Shaw

Sarah Street, grade 12, *Nocturne on the Atlantic*, The Westminster Schools, Atlanta, Teacher: Mario Chard

Megan Williams, grade 12, *Returning*, Hephzibah

Megan Williams, grade 12, *Certainly*, Hephzibah

Michelle Zhang, grade 12, *Lost and Found*, Howard High School, Macon, Teacher: Melinda Powell

2021 Georgia Poetry State Winners

Category I

Nora Cerdas, Kindergarten, *After the Rain*, Homeschool, Marietta

Sydney Thorpe, grade 1, *Nature Sense*, Jonesboro

Kaito Tarquinio, grade 2, *Snowmen*, Sagamore Hills Elementary School, Atlanta, Teacher: Kamilah Miranda

Category II

Priscilla Alamilla, grade 5, *The Letters Between Pollution*, Poole's Mill Elementary School, Cumming, Teacher: Suzanne Clark

Sophie Little, grade 5, *Hope*, Springmont School, Atlanta, Teacher: Theresa Dean

Caleigh Parker, grade 5, *Flower of Dawn*, Windsor Forest Elementary School, Savannah, Teacher: Jessica Roberts

Rohan Raj, grade 5, *Where the Water Goes*, Kincaid Elementary School, Marietta, Teacher: Page Gillett

Adeline Spears, grade 5, *Spring Day*, Montessori School of Rome, Rome, Teachers: Rachel Eichholtz, Rebecca Fussel

Category III

Lemon Brumback, grade 8, *She Will Return*, General Ray Davis Middle School, Stockbridge, Teacher: Katy King

Jonah Douglas, grade 8, *Autumn Wind*, The Walker School, Marietta, Teacher: Mary Ann Stillerman

Suriyah Frame, grade 7, *Tube*, The Paideia School, Atlanta, Teacher: Tom Painting

Kenyatta Jelks, grade 6, *Creek Clean-Up*, Genesis Innovation Academy, Atlanta, Teacher: Leah Kleinberger

Penn Keromytis, grade 7, *Untitled*, Springmont School, Atlanta, Teacher: Theresa Dean

Benjamin McCarthy, grade 7, *Sneakers*, The Paideia School, Atlanta, Teacher: Tom Painting

Madeleine Moon-Chun, grade 7, *Ode to Water*, The Paideia School, Atlanta, Teacher: Tom Painting

Colin Thomas, grade 7, *A Once Sunny Day*, The Paideia School, Atlanta, Teacher: Tom Painting

Lydia Wells, grade 6, *Hold on to Nature*, Piney Grove Middle School, Cumming

Ava Wilson, grade 8, *Stars of the Night*, The Walker School, Marietta, Teacher: Mary Ann Stillerman

Category IV

Sirianna Blanck, grade 11, *The Valley Town*, Chamblee Charter High School, Decatur

Brigitte Harvey, grade 12, *Ocmulgee*, Howard High School, Macon, Teacher: Melinda Powell

Michelle Liu, grade 11, *Catch 'em Chillin'*, The Westminster Schools, Atlanta, Teacher: Kristin Hunter

Sarah Zedd, grade 9, *Skyscrapers*, Druid Hills High School, Atlanta, Teacher: Sam Brown

2021 Georgia Art State Winners

Category I

Gemma Fletcher, grade 2, *The River That Feeds*, Homeschool, Marietta

David Jeong, grade 1, *The River of Two Flamingos*, Roberts Elementary School, Suwanee, Teacher: Martha Manotas

Mina Kamat, grade 2, *The Unlikely Swimmer*, Matt Elementary School, Cumming, Teacher: Suzanne Clark

Stevenson Kohler, grade 1, *On the Hunt*, Camp Scene, Decatur, Teacher: Stephanie Simpson

Matthew Liu, Kindergarten, *Underwater Classroom*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Evan Luo, Kindergarten, *Summer Rainy Day*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

William Sumner, grade 1, *Fall Leaf Study*, Sagamore Hills Elementary School, Atlanta, Teacher: Elizabeth King

Hannah Tie, Kindergarten, *The River*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Evan Zhu, Kindergarten, *Untitled*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Category II

Celeste Beaty, grade 4, *Spring Fox*, Springmont School, Atlanta, Teacher: Theresa Dean

Davis Donahue, grade 4, *A Prickly Predator – Watch Out!*, Montessori School of Rome, Rome, Teachers: Rachel Eichholtz, Rebecca Fussel

Sophia Hou, grade 5, *The Deer of Nine Colors*, Tucker

Aleena Huang, grade 5, *King of the River*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: San Teh

Yuzi Li, grade 3, *Nature Paradise*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Katie Loyd, grade 5, *Beacon of Light*, Montessori School of Rome, Rome, Teachers: Rachel Eichholtz, Rebecca Fussel

Nishka Nagpal, grade 4, *Rainbow River*, The Paideia School, Atlanta, Teachers: Emily Schreck, Emily Orr

Arthur Wang, grade 4, *Otter Friends*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Audrey Yu, grade 5, *Sea Turtle in Flight*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: San Teh

Category III

Brendan Ching, grade 7, *Sharks Turned Prey*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

Alexandra Huynh, grade 6, *Calling Home*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Angela Kim, grade 6, *Wading on Shallow Water*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

Dario Liu, grade 7, *Flying*, Duluth

Grace Manning, grade 8, *Peaceful Moment*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Priscilla Lin

Camila Mayo-Gonzales, grade 8, *Feeding Time*, Academies of Discovery at South Hall Middle School, Gainesville, Teacher: Lyndrid Patterson

Elizabeth Plis, grade 8, *Eastern Box Turtle*, Peachtree Charter Middle School, Dunwoody, Teacher: Margaret Newton

Gavin Reece, grade 8, *These Three Squirrels*, General Ray Davis Middle School, Stockbridge, Teacher: Katy King

Rowan Rodgers, grade 8, *Whales: Heart of the Ocean's Ecosystem*, General Ray Davis Middle School, Stockbridge, Teacher: Katy King

Category IV

Andrea Campbell, grade 12, *A Serence First Light*, Conyers

Kelsie Casey, grade 12, *Ocean of Water*, Baconton Community Charter School, Baconton, Teacher: Patti Howell

Ashleigh Feltman, grade 12, *Scars of a Manatee*, Murray County High School, Chatsworth, Teacher: Ashli Solinger

Ansley Graves, grade 11, *The Unknown Waters*, Dunwoody High School, Dunwoody, Teacher: Christine Lauer

Shirley Huang, grade 12, *Save the Ocean*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: San Teh

Owen Li, grade 11, *Portrait of a Predator*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Priscilla Lin

Bernice Liao, grade 10, *Serentiy*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: San Teh

Kieun Song, grade 9, *Sweet Family on the River*, Hongik Art, Suwanee, Teacher: Ji Won Han

Aurora Vang, grade 9, *Mother of Nature*, Rockdale High School, Conyers, Teacher: Tara Thieleke

Ella Zedd, grade 11, *Peppers*, Druid Hills High School, Atlanta, Teacher: Christopher Smith

2021 Dragonfly Award State Winner

Emily Cheng, grade 3, *Exploring Under the Sea*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

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