

2022 Georgia River of Words



2022 Art National Grand Prize Winner

Category I

David Jeong, grade 2, *Happy Friends*, Hongik Art, Suwanee, Teacher: Ji Won Han

2022 Art National Finalists

Category I

Ellie Lee, grade 1, *The Caterpillar's Dream*, Hongik Art, Buford, Teacher: Ji Won Han

Evan Zhu, grade 1, *Pelicans Flying Above the Sea*, Shijun Art Studio, Peachtree Corners, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Category II

Enxi Chen, grade 3, *Turtle Treasures*, SKA Academy, Lawrenceville, Teacher: Leng Chang, San Teh

Arianna Hu, grade 5, *Wallowing in Misery*, Shijun Art Studio, Peachtree Corners, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Andrew Johnson, grade 4, *Owl*, Springmont School, Atlanta, Teachers: Theresa Dean, Claire Tadeo

Lime Won, grade 3, *Towards My Dream*, Hongik Art, Suwanee, Teacher: Ji Won Han

Category III

Anya Cai, grade 6, *The Snow White Feathers*, Art Plus, Marietta, Teachers: Hua Huang, You Liang

Linqi Ding, grade 6, *Turtle Dreams*, Shijun Art Studio, Duluth, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Ashley Hua, grade 6, *Splash'n Dive*, Marietta

Victoria Kil, grade 8, *Hope from the Shadows*, Hongik Art, Flowery Branch, Teacher: Ji Won Han

Mikayla Oh, grade 6, *An Afternoon Glide*, Hongik Art, Sugar Hill, Teacher: Ji Won Han

Aaron Xie, grade 6, *The Fish Who Jumped by the Sun*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Category IV

Kendyl Burse, grade 11, *Ray of Hope*, Lithonia

Chris Han, grade 10, *Discovering the Deep*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teachers: Len Chang, San Teh

2022 Georgia Art State Winners

Category I

Canaan Gray, grade 2, *Cardinal*, Springmont School, Brookhaven, Teachers: Theresa Dean, Claire Tadeo

Owen Ioselevich, pre-kindergarten, *Flowers in the Garden*, Sagamore Hills Elementary School, Decatur, Teachers: Stephanie Spencer, Elizabeth King

Daniel Li, grade 1, *Bluejay*, Shijun Art Studio, Snellville, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Alison Liu, grade 2, *Seeing Sunsets*, SKA Academy, Suwanee, Teachers: Leng Chang, San Teh

Matthew Liu, grade 1, *Tranquil Morning*, Shijun Art Studio, Johns Creek, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Emma Lo, kindergarten, *The Perfect Beach Day*, SKA Academy, Suwanee, Teachers: Leng Chang, San Teh

Natalie Luo, kindergarten, *Swan Lake*, SKA Academy, Berkeley Lake, Teachers: Leng Chang, San Teh

Category II

Celeste Beaty, grade 5, *Axolotl*, Springmont School, Smyrna, Teachers: Theresa Dean, Claire Tadeo

Olivia Frost, grade 5, *Sunset Over a Lake*, Shijun Art Studio, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Aarin Gupta, grade 3, *Hawk Over Water*, Casa Montessori School, Smyrna, Teacher: Theresa Dean

Bridgett Henson, grade 4, *Reflection*, Matt Elementary School, Cumming, Teachers: Felicia Barnick, Suzanne Clark

Brianna Hu, grade 3, *What's Happening to the Ocean?*, Shijun Art Studio, Peachtree Corners, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Arianna Jadhav, grade 4, *Love Birds*, Alpharetta

Jhanvi Momaya, grade 5, *Lakeside Bridge*, Sedalia Park Elementary School, Marietta, Teachers: Cheri Craft, Janequa Williams

Sriram Somasundaram, grade 4, *Moon Rising*, Springmont School, Atlanta, Teachers: Theresa Dean, Claire Tadeo

Arthur Wang, grade 5, *Great Blue Heron Couple*, Shijun Art Studio, Decatur, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Selina Yang, grade 3, *Sea Creature In Ocean*, Shakerag Elementary School, Johns Creek, Teacher: You Liang

Category III

Ari Foster, grade 8, *Sunny Day*, General Ray Davis Middle School, Conyers, Teacher: Katy King

Alexandra Huynh, grade 7, *Drifting Into Imagination*, Shijun Art Studio, Atlanta, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Philip Jeong, grade 7, *The Everlasting Love*, Hongik Art, Suwanee, Teacher: Ji Won Han

Annabel Li, grade 6, *A Frog's Thousand Yard Stare*, Shijun Art Studio, Stone Mountain, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Velika Nayak, grade 7, *Untitled*, Springmont School, Atlanta, Teachers: Theresa Dean, Claire Tadeo

Raina Patel, grade 7, *Duck Duck Lake*, The Carolyn Barron Montessori School, Newnan, Teachers: Beth Vickery, Kellie Mosel

Cailyn Yoon, grade 7, *Until Next Spring*, Hongik Art, Suwanee, Teacher: Ji Won Han

Category IV

Shiraz Agichtein, grade 12, *Awakened*, DeKalb School of the Arts, Atlanta, Teacher: Nicole Jacobs

Moss (Adeline) Bellis, grade 10, *Yin & Yang Nature Drawing*, Lakeside High School, Atlanta, Teacher: Kenneth Schwager

Pragya Bhadani, grade 12, *Autumn Colors at the Swamp in My Backyard*, Suwanee

Skylar Chandler, grade 10, *Frog*, Rockdale County High School, Conyers, Teacher: Tara Thieleke

Kaiyuan Fan, grade 10, *Sea Crab*, Shijun Art Studio, Alpharetta, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Litzy Sanchez, grade 11, *Hummingbird*, Lakeside High School, Atlanta, Teacher: Kenneth Schwager

Brooklyn Smalls, grade 12, *Environmental Despair*, Peachtree Corners

Leo Zeng, grade 10, *Dream*, Marietta

2022 Dragonfly Award State Winner

Evan Lu, grade 2, *Mountain Ranger*, Shijun Art Studio, Duluth, Teacher: Shijun Munns

2022 Poetry National Grand Prize Winners

Category I

Runaa Gidwani, grade 2, *The Thing We Need*, Casa Montessori School, Marietta, Teacher: Alison Harris

Category III

Dario Liu, grade 8, *Chattahoochee*, Notre Dame Academy, Alpharetta, Teacher: Ethel Harris

2022 Poetry National Finalists

Category I

Noelle Cray, grade 1, *Beautiful Water*, Casa Montessori School, Smyrna, Teacher: Alison Harris

Siva Ashwin Narayan, grade 1, *Peace and Water*, Casa Montessori School, Marietta, Teacher: Alison Harris

Haaris Wajih, kindergarten, *Watershed*, Decatur

Category II

Lucy Berry, grade 3, *Mother Nature*, Paideia School, Atlanta, Teachers: Emily Schreck, Kristen Davis

Lilly Kate Costello, grade 5, *Lilly Pad Pond*, Yargo Elementary School, Bethlehem, Teacher: Lauren McDougald

Mackenzie Daniel, grade 4, *Turtle Journey*, South Douglas Elementary School, Douglasville, Teacher: Thomas Bruno

Noelle Doyle, grade 5, *Follow the Nature*, Stonecrest

Madison Holton, grade 5, *The Creek*, Thomas County Middle School, Thomasville, Teacher: Ashley Lanatta

Jonah Johnson, grade 5, *River Bank*, Haw Creek Elementary School 4H Club, Cumming, Teacher: Shannon Kennedy

Arjun Narra, grade 5, *River in a Bottle*, Terra Club Mason Elementary School, Duluth, Teachers: Sonja Jorgensen, Amy Mock

Marcus Peters, grade 5, *Georgia Peaches*, Haw Creek Elementary School 4H Club, Cumming, Teachers: Shannon Kennedy, Laura Blanck

Jadee Weng, grade 3, *A Little Creek*, ACBA Literacy, Cumming, Teacher: Ethel Harris

Category III

Zara Khan, grade 6, *Water*, ILM Academy, Atlanta, Teachers: Katelyn Ladner, Leila Herwis

Grace McCarthy, grade 7, *Ode to Water*, The Paideia School, Atlanta, Teacher: Tom Painting

Tara Patel, grade 6, *One Single Flake*, The Mount Vernon School, Atlanta, Teacher: Mary Ann Stillerman

Rohan Raj, grade 6, *Leagues Above*, Simpson Middle School, Marietta

Category IV

Joseph Frost, grade 12, *Glistening Water*, Howard High School, Macon, Teacher: Melinda Powell

Pelumi Lawal, grade 11, *Urbanization*, Denmark High School, Alpharetta

Steven Li, grade 11, *Failure and Success*, Lilburn

Ava Wong, grade 11, *Flowing Ballads*, Westminster School, Atlanta, Teacher: Stephen Addcox

2022 Georgia Poetry State Winners

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Silver Cuellar, grade 2, *Nature's Night*, High Meadows School, Roswell, Teacher: Kara Saiz, Lynn Williams

Talulah Fuller, grade 2, *Moon Beach*, Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary School, Athens, Teacher: Gillian Hull

Eliot Isbister, grade 2, *Wonders of the Ocean*, Decatur

Ansh Pradhan, grade 1, *Water*, Casa Montessori School, Marietta, Teacher: Alison Harris

Category II

Iona Gonzalez, grade 3, *The Whale is Migrating*, High Meadows School, Roswell, Teachers: Kara Saiz, Lynn Williams

Dima Abusabha, grade 3, *The River*, Hamzah Science Academy, Alpharetta, Teacher: Sumaira Beg

Raylynn Fykes, grade 5, *Laying by the Ocean*, Thomas County Middle School, Thomasville, Teacher: Ashley Lanatta

Addison Mosely, grade 5, *Nature*, Lakeview Academy, Milledgeville, Teacher: Rosie Lowndes

Category III

Margo Pierson, grade 8, *Imperfection*, The Paideia School, Atlanta, Teacher: Tom Painting

Rohan Thomas, grade 7, *Tender Morning Hours*, The Paideia School, Atlanta, Teacher: Tom Painting

Noam Thrift, grade 7, *The Forest is Never Quiet*, Athens Montessori School, Athens, Teacher: Heather Mosby

Category IV

Maddie Crofton, grade 11, *How the River Changes*, Norcross

Carina Solis, grade 12, *If*, Villa Rica

Taylor West, grade 12, *Riversong*, DeKalb School of the Arts, Atlanta, Teacher: Shana Hunt-Martin

Bobby Xia, grade 10, *Urban Nature*, Atlanta

Sarah Zedd, grade 11, *Accepting the Rain*, Atlanta

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