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
Kalpyan 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
Category I
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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