

2023 Georgia River of Words



ART

2023 Art National Grand Prize Winner

Category II

Joy Yang, grade 5, *Made for Each Otter*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teachers: Leng Chang, San Teh

2023 Art National Finalists and State Winners

Category I

Alvina Chen, grade 2, *Flamingo*, Liang Art Studio, Johns Creek, Teacher: You Liang

Amber Hu, grade 2, *Fox Creek*, Suwanee

Emma Lo, grade 1, *Reuse, Reduce, Recycle!*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teachers: Leng Chang, San Teh

Raina Ma, grade 1, *Quite Ribbiting*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teachers: Leng Chang, San Teh

Bella Song, grade 1, *Polar Bear*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Ethan Ton, grade 2, *Fallin for Waterfalls*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teachers: Leng Chang, San Teh

Category II

Ian Chen, grade 5, *Harmony and Happiness*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teachers: Leng Chang, San Teh

David Jeong, grade 3, *Happy Friends*, Suwanee

Nina Lee, grade 5, *A Killer Sight*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teachers: Leng Chang, San Teh

Yuexuan Li, grade 3, *A Beaver's Swim*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Jaxson Smith, grade 3, *Tree of Life*, Hickory Flat Elementary School, McDonough, Teacher: Rudy Tabares

Sarah Tan, grade 4, *Out of the Woods*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teachers: Leng Chang, San Teh

Kevin Wang, grade 3, *Turtle's Tears*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Cynthia Yang, grade 5, *Leaping to the Sun*, Johns Creek

Category III

Philip Jeong, grade 8, *Enjoy the Beautiful Sunset*, Suwanee

Yiyao Sun, grade 7, *Silent of the Night*, Buford

Annabelle Wang, grade 7, *Horsing Around*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teachers: Leng Chang, San Teh

Evan Wang, grade 6, *Biting the Bait*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teachers: Leng Chang, San Teh

Deborah Zheng, grade 6, *The Watering Hole*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teachers: Leng Chang, San Teh

Category IV

Jenna Prass, grade 12, *Commercial Pollution*, Dunwoody High School, Dunwoody, Teacher: Christine Lauer

Matilda Rodgers, grade 11, *Playing Among the Cattails*, Rockdale County High School, Conyers, Teacher: Tara Thieleke

Erin Yoo, grade 10, *Harbinger of Ozone Depletion*, Valdosta

Erin Yoo, grade 10, *Plastic Bag Phantoms-Engulfed*, Valdosta

2023 Georgia Art State Winners

Category I

Camden Coker, grade 1, *The Bloop*, Matt Elementary School, Cumming, Teachers: Suzanne Clark, Felicia Barnick

Jayden Lam, grade 1, *Exploring Outside the Shell*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teachers: Leng Chang, San Teh

Zoey W Liu, prekindergarten, *The Crab "Pinchy" at the Beach*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Natalie Luo, grade 1, *Turtle-y Awesome!*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teachers: Leng Chang, San Teh

Caleb McMaster, grade 2, *Falling Water*, Springmont, Atlanta, Teachers: Theresa Dean, Claire Tadeo

Ariel Zhang, kindergarten, *Ballet of Jellyfish*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Category II

Gemma Fletcher, grade 4, *Amphibians at the Waterfall*, Marietta

Toshi Iwamoto, grade 3, *The Amazing Brook Trout*, Cliff Valley School, Atlanta, Teachers: Kristi Petty, Jon-Erik Montgomery

Yuzi Li, grade 5, *Roaring Waves*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Shalini Maity, grade 5, *Earth from Above*, Shiloh Point Elementary School, Cumming, Teacher: Elizabeth Stevens

Ana Malta Messias, grade 4, *Praying Mantis*, High Meadows School, Roswell, Teachers: Kara Saiz, Lynn Williams

Selina Yang, grade 4, *A Stream in the Forest*, Johns Creek

Category III

Georgia Xan Bolen, grade 6, *The Sea Butterfly*, General Ray Davis Middle School, Stockbridge, Teacher: Katy King

Kristine Chen, grade 6, *Childhood*, Duluth

Miles Chipman, grade 6, *The Wave*, Academies of Discovery at South Hall Middle School, Gainesville, Teacher: Lyndrid Patterson

Nuwoh Harris, grade 7, *Earth's Melody*, General Ray Davis Middle School, Stockbridge, Teacher: Katy King

Alana Ivey, grade 7, *Sounds of Nature*, Bacon County 4-H, Alma, Teacher: Becky Griffin

Mason Reece, grade 8, *Vibrant Plant Eater*, General Ray Davis Middle School, Stockbridge, Teacher: Barbara Mitchell

Category IV

Arvin Guo, grade 10, *Invasive Species*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teachers: Leng Chang, San Teh

Sanjana Kadiyala, grade 11, *Conservation of Beauty*, Alpharetta

Grace Manning, grade 10, *Spring's Reflection*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teachers: Leng Chang, San Teh

Cooper VanWingerden, grade 9, *Joe*, The Cottage School, Roswell, Teacher: Katja Burkett

Nancy Wang, grade 10, *Reaching for Salvation*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Christina Yu, grade 10, *Surviving Rock Bottom*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teachers: Leng Chang, San Teh

2023 Dragonfly Award State Winner

Yu-Mei Bridges, grade 4, *Diving into the Habitat*, Sedalia Park Elementary School, Marietta, Teacher: Cheri Craft

POETRY

2023 Poetry National Grand Prize Winner

Category I

Mabry Henderson, grade 2, *Southern Oaks*, Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, Savannah, Teacher: Clarissa Taylor

2023 Poetry National Finalists and State Winners

Category I

Sylvie Melroy, grade 2, *All About an Eel*, Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, Savannah, Teacher: Clarissa Taylor

Category II

Audrey Stevens, grade 5, *The Chorus*, Vienna

Category III

Alexandra Huynh, grade 8, *The Cowry Shells Sing*, The Paideia School, Atlanta, Teacher: Tom Painting

Talia Kodish, grade 7, *Nightfall*, The Paideia School, Atlanta, Teacher: Tom Painting

Grace McCarthy, grade 8, *Forgotten*, The Paideia School, Atlanta, Teacher: Tom Painting

Rachel Morrison, grade 8, *Window*, The Paideia School, Atlanta, Teacher: Tom Painting

Category IV

Gwyneth Solomon, grade 11, *This Island*, Savannah

2023 Georgia Poetry State Winners

Category I

Cadence Long, grade 1, *Nature All Around Me*, Casa Montessori School, Marietta, Teacher: Alison Harris

Siva Narayan, grade 2, *The Infinite Ocean*, Casa Montessori School, Marietta, Teacher: Alison Harris

Harry Thompson, grade 2, *Dancing Cordgrass*, Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, Savannah, Teacher: Clarissa Taylor

Musa Wajih, kindergarten, *Weasels in Georgia*, Decatur, Teacher: Deb Tuttle

Category II

Brielle Cliett, grade 5, *The River and the Birds*, Springmont, Atlanta, Teachers: Theresa Dean, Claire Tadeo

Brooklynn Long, grade 3, *Water*, Decatur

Ronan Owens, grade 5, *The Trash*, Marietta

Juliette Scott, grade 4, *Dandelions*, Lakeview Academy, Milledgeville, Teacher: Rosie Lowndes

Category III

Noor Ahmed, grade 8, *The Ants' Executioners*, ILM Academy, Roswell, Teacher: Katelyn Ladner

Winn Johnson, grade 7, *The Fountain*, The Paideia School, Atlanta, Teacher: Tom Painting

Madelyn Lanier, grade 8, *Daydreams*, Statesboro

Adelle Smiley, grade 7, *Perception*, Trinity Christian School, Statesboro, Teacher: Amy Deal

Category IV

Princewill Aka, grade 12, *Words Flow*, Howard High School, Macon, Teacher: Melinda Powell

Aarushi Ammavajjala, grade 10, *A Neutrally Buoyant Device*, Cumming

Hannah (Allison) Choy, grade 11, *Picture This*, Decatur

Erin Yoo, grade 10, *The Magnolias in May*, Valdosta