

2024 Georgia River of Words



2024 Art: Georgia State Winners

Category I

Ellie Jane Faircloth, kindergarten, *You Axolotl Questions*, Whigham School, Whigham, Teacher: Ashley Maxwell

Jeeyu Lee, grade 2, *Exploring the Wonders of the Colors*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

Cadence Long, grade 2, *Big Snow Owl*, Casa Montessori School, Marietta, Teacher: Theresa Dean

Gabriela Robles, grade 2, *Worm's Eye View*, Mary Lin Elementary School, Atlanta, Teacher: Missy Snyder

Samarth Selvam, grade 2, *Water Food Chain*, Matt Elementary School, Cumming, Teacher: Felicia Barnick

Audrey Wang, kindergarten, *Dancing Orcas Under the Moon*, Alpharetta

Norah Wright, grade 1, *Pelican, Not Pelican't*, Whigham School, Whigham, Teacher: Ashley Maxwell

Sophia Yun Yu, grade 1, *Summer Creek*, Dolvin Elementary School, Alpharetta, Teacher: Kelly Keller

Category II

Amber Ben, grade 5, *Forest Cascade*, Liang's Art Studio, Johns Creek, Teacher: You Liang

Norah Kelly, grade 3, *The Curious Fox*, Cliff Valley School, Atlanta, Teachers: Kristi Petty, Jon-Erik Montgomery

Emma Love, grade 5, *Shark Encounter*, Thomas County Middle School, Thomasville, Teacher: Ashley Lanatta

Emerson Rados, grade 5, *Diving to the Depths*, Homeschool, Quitman, Teacher: Lindsay Walker

Grace Wang, grade 4, *Along the Shoals of the Watering Hole*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

Hanna Williams, grade 5, *Rough Rafters*, Whigham School, Whigham, Teacher: Ashley Maxwell

Phoebe Xie, grade 3, *Lovely Heron Bird*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

Angela Zhao, grade 3, *Below the Whispering Cascades*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

Category III

Luke Bell, grade 7, *A Dream Like No Otter*, Jesup

Minakshi Chilagani, grade 7, *Recycle - Preserve the Ecosystem*, River Trail Middle School, Johns Creek, Teacher: Ricci Justis

Destiny Donald, grade 7, *A Fishy Photograph*, General Ray Davis Middle School, Stockbridge, Teacher: Katy King

Mia Jackson, grade 8, *Humpback Melody*, Academies of Discovery at South Hall Middle School, Gainesville, Teacher: Lyndrid Patterson

Jason Lin, grade 8, *Be the Solution to Ocean Pollution!*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

Maysen Logan, grade 7, *Aarluk*, Academies of Discovery at South Hall Middle School, Gainesville, Teacher: Lyndrid Patterson

Elaine Zhang, grade 6, *Fair Flowers and the Flowing Fish*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

Ruojin Zhang, grade 8, *The Beauty of the Great Smokies*, Johns Creek

Category IV

Skylar Chandler, grade 12, *Graceful Glow*, Rockdale County High School, Conyers, Teacher: Tara Thieleke

Camille Hall, grade 12, *Life Cycle*, Rockdale County High School, Conyers, Teacher: Tara Thieleke

Sophia Lin, grade 9, *The Black Bears of Georgia*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

William Ma, grade 9, *Light Greet Water*, Johns Creek

Grace Manning, grade 11, *Been Fallin' for the Foliage*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

Lawson Mansfield, grade 10, *Bird of Prey (Red Tailed Hawk and Squirrel)*, Columbus

Erika Tan, grade 10, *Gliding Across the Mirrored Lake*, SKA Academy of Art and Design, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

Erin Yoo, grade 11, *Barren Witness – Earth's Cry for Rain*, Valdosta

2024 Dragonfly Award State Winner

Richard Lu, grade 5, *Grow by Leaps and Bounds*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn, Teacher: Shijun Munns

2024 Poetry: Georgia State Winners

Category I

Boone Culpepper, grade 2, *Blood in the Water*, Homeschool, Quitman, Teacher: Lindsay Walker

Omar Khalifa, grade 1, *Nature's Backyard*, Casa Montessori School, Marietta, Teacher: Alison Harris

Reese Kisgen, grade 1, *Outside*, Warren T. Jackson Elementary, Atlanta, Teachers: Carlene Cogshall, Laura Dostie

Cimarron Lugo, grade 1, *Owl Story*, Casa Montessori School, Marietta, Teacher: Alison Harris

Arhaa Patkar, grade 2, *I Love Nature*, Casa Montessori School, Marietta, Teacher: Alison Harris

Category II

Aspen King, grade 4, *A Turtle's Tear*, Cheatham Hill Elementary, Marietta, Teachers: Ashley Costello, Jody Carothers

Emily Liu, grade 5, *Not Just in the Air, No Longer Rare*, Newnan

Emerson Rados, grade 5, *My Heart Flows on the River*, Homeschool, Quitman, Teacher: Lindsay Walker

Margot Schulz, grade 4, *Regrowth*, Sagamore Hills Elementary School, Atlanta, Teachers: Avis Jackson, Stephanie Spencer

Iris Wang, grade 4, *Rain*, Warren T. Jackson Elementary School, Atlanta, Teachers: Carlene Cogshall, Laura Dostie

Category III

Harper Griffin Turner, grade 7, *Water Fountain*, The Paideia School, Atlanta, Teacher: Tom Painting

Addie Lawrence, grade 7, *Clouds*, The Paideia School, Atlanta, Teacher: Tom Painting

Emmalee Milligan, grade 7, *The Blue Morpho*, Robert Toombs Christian Academy, Lyons, Teacher: Lisa Parker

Akif Ozdemir, grade 8, *Untitled*, Roswell

Karys Quarles, grade 7, *Rainstorm*, The Paideia School, Atlanta, Teacher: Tom Painting

Category IV

Jada Elias, grade 11, *Who Will?*, Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Atlanta, Teacher: Deborah Johnson

Samuel Gonzalez Perez, grade 9, *Watershed Wonders*, Paul Duke STEM High School, Norcross

Alexandra Huynh, grade 9, *Fallen Soldier*, Paideia School, Atlanta, Teacher: Tally Johnson

Dario Liu, grade 10, *Fishing Tournament Day*, Alpharetta

Penny Mayfield, grade 9, *The Lone Cactus*, Brookstone School, Columbus, Teacher: Tessa Calhoun