

## 2025 Georgia River of Words



## 2025 Art: National Grand Prize Winner

### Category I

**Nolan Luo**, Grade 1, *Charting a Course for Conservation*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

## 2025 Art: Georgia National Finalists

### Category I

**Snow Adams**, PreK, *Save the Turtles*, Bainbridge

**Callie Cao**, Grade 2, *This Way, Guys!*, Shijun Art Studio, Atlanta, Teacher: Shijun Munns

**Emma Chen**, Grade 2, *Fish and the River*, Atlanta International Art Academy, Suwanee, Teacher: Hua Huang

**Enya Deng**, Grade 2, *The River's Watcher*, Atlanta International Art Academy, Suwanee, Teacher: Hua Huang

**Ellie Jane Faircloth**, Grade 1, *Under Water Chill*, Whigham School, Whigham, Teacher: Ashley Maxwell

**Olivia Li**, Kindergarten, *Look What I Caught!*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

**Kiera Lin**, Grade 1, *Heartfelt Promise*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

### Category II

**Sophia Chen**, Grade 4, *Preserving the Ecosystem in My Hands*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

**Alessa Hobbs**, Grade 5, *Trash Beach*, Thomas County Middle School, Thomasville, Teacher: Ashley Lanatta

**Toshi Iwamoto**, Grade 5, *Disappearing Glaciers*, Cliff Valley School, Atlanta, Teachers: Kristi Petty, Jon-Erik Montgomery

**Emily Li**, Grade 3, *Nod to Penguins*, McGarity Elementary School, Hiram, Teachers: Stephanie Degenaar, Dwanese Dunn

**Emma Lo**, Grade 3, *Dolphin Dream: A Girl's Quest for Understanding*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

**Raina Ma**, Grade 3, *Boatful of Memories*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

**Bhoomika Manohara**, Grade 5, *Save Our Beautiful Earth*, Matt Elementary School, Cumming, Teachers: Felicia Barnick, Kendra Miller

**Jack Rados**, Grade 5, *The Rainbow Rowan*, Homeschool, Quitman, Teacher: Lindsay Walker

**Bella Song**, Grade 3, *Cotton Candy Twilight*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

**Emma Wang**, Grade 4, *A Coastal Symphony of Colors*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

**Jessica Zhang**, Grade 5, *Sunset Leap*, First Fine Art, Johns Creek Teacher: Shengji Qu

### Category III

**Ashley Gao**, Grade 6, *Did Someone Say Playtime?*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

**Tabor Shiimi-ya-Shiimi**, Grade 8, *Untitled*, Springmont School, Atlanta, Teacher: Brandice Camara

**Mindy Wang**, Grade 8, *Treading Gently, Leaving No Trace*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

#### Category IV

**Alexandra Huynh**, Grade 10, *Niagara Falls*, C&H Art Studio, Duluth, Teacher: Chin-Cheng Hung

**Yiyao Sun**, Grade 9, *Spring of Beauty*, Gainesville

**Yufei Tang**, Grade 10, *Blue Date*, Johns Creek

**Hannah Yang**, Grade 11, *Suwanee Bass*, Suwanee

**Ruojin Zhang**, Grade 9, *Ripples of Calm*, Northview High School, Johns Creek, Teacher: Liang You

#### 2025 Art: Georgia State Winners

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#### Category I

\***Snow Adams**, PreK, *Save the Turtles*, Bainbridge

**Angela Chen**, Grade 2, *The Boat on the Lake*, Suwanee

\***Emma Chen**, Grade 2, *Fish and the River*, Atlanta International Art Academy, Suwanee,

Teacher: Hua Huang

\***Ellie Jane Faircloth**, Grade 1, *Under Water Chill*, Whigham School, Whigham,

Teacher: Ashley Maxwell

**Augustine Kongoasa**, Grade 1, *SPLASH-Tacular Sprint!*, SKA Academy, Duluth,

Teacher: Leng Chang

\***Olivia Li**, Kindergarten, *Look What I Caught!*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

\***Nolan Luo**, Grade 1, *Charting a Course for Conservation*, SKA Academy, Duluth,

Teacher: Leng Chang

**Ariel Zhang**, Grade 2, *Whispers of the Golden River*, Shijun Art Studio, Atlanta, Teacher: Shijun Munns

#### Category II

**Madilyn Davis**, Grade 5, *Pink and Orange Marsh*, Thomas County Middle School, Thomasville,

Teacher: Ashley Lanatta

\***Emma Lo**, Grade 3, *Dolphin Dream: A Girl's Quest for Understanding*, SKA Academy, Duluth,

Teacher: Leng Chang

**Evan Lu**, Grade 5, *Navigating Uncharted Waters*, Duluth

**Mira Ma**, Grade 5, *Master of Disguise*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

**Mikhail Shaikh**, Grade 4, *A Deer Among the Giant Sequoia Trees*, Springmont School, Sandy Springs,

Teacher: Brandice Camara

**Aanya Tamar**, Grade 5, *King of Dives*, Matt Elementary School, Cumming,

Teachers: Felicia Barnick, Kendra Miller

**Hailey Terry**, Grade 4, *The Wetland*, Dr GW Carver Elementary School, Richmond Hill,

Teacher: Kari Wilcher

**Alexandra Yu-Zhang**, Grade 3, *The Woodpecker*, Morningside Elementary School, Atlanta,

Teachers: Holly Acton, Amelia Morel

#### Category III

**Melanie Antoine**, Grade 8, *Blue Raspberry*, General Ray Davis Middle School, Stockbridge,

Teacher: Katy King

**Morgan Clark**, Grade 7, *The Growth of the Cabbage White*, General Ray Davis Middle School,

Stockbridge, Teacher: Katy King

**Graciana Espinoza**, Grade 6, *Go with the Flow*, Lee County Middle School West, Leesburg,

Teacher: Lindsey Clenney

**Jingjing Gong**, Grade 8, *Water*, North Gwinnett Middle School, Sugar Hill, Teacher: You Liang

**Laine Lumpkin**, Grade 8, *Little Red Bird*, General Ray Davis Middle School, Stockbridge,

Teacher: Katy King

**Emma Luo**, Grade 8, *Reflection of The Beautiful Roseate Spoonbill*, Shijun Art Studio, Lilburn,

Teacher: Shijun Munns

**Emmy Rados**, Grade 7, *Looking into the Unknown*, Homeschool, Quitman, Teacher: Lindsay Walker

**Elaine Zhang**, Grade 7, *The Dragonfly's Gentle Observer*, SKA Academy, Duluth,  
Teacher: Leng Chang

#### Category IV

**Phoenix Adams**, Grade 9, *Fishing at the Falls*, Bainbridge

**Mia Burnett**, Grade 11, *Sale City Sentinel*, Sale City

**Alexandra Huynh**, Grade 10, *A Mallard's Reflection*, The Paideia School, Atlanta, Teacher: Holly White

**Olivia Land**, Grade 11, *A Child's First Aquarium*, Rockdale County High School, Conyers,  
Teacher: Tara Thieleke

**Erika Tan**, Grade 11, *A Delicate Dance Across the Pond*, SKA Academy, Duluth,  
Teacher: Leng Chang

\***Yufei Tang**, Grade 10, *Blue Date*, Johns Creek

\***Hannah Yang**, Grade 11, *Suwanee Bass*, Suwanee

\***Ruojin Zhang**, Grade 9, *Ripples of Calm*, Northview High School, Johns Creek,  
Teacher: Liang You

### 2025 Georgia Dragonfly Art Award

\***Mindy Wang**, Grade 8, *Treading Gently, Leaving No Trace*, SKA Academy, Duluth,  
Teacher: Leng Chang

### 2025 Poetry: National Grand Prize Winner

#### Category I

**Mishka Agarwal**, Grade 2, *Watching Fireflies*, Cumming

### 2025 Poetry: Georgia National Finalists

#### Category I

**Arrow Adams**, Grade 1, *My Beach Vacation*, Bainbridge

**Mishka Agarwal**, Grade 2, *Ocean World*, Cumming

**Mishka Agarwal**, Grade 2, *The Garden by the Bay*, Cumming

#### Category II

**Ward Crouch**, Grade 5, *What it Could Be*, Garden Hills Elementary School, Atlanta  
Teacher: Maya McKenzie

**Eva Deng**, Grade 5, *Rebirth of the Forgotten Garden*, Shakerag Elementary School, Duluth,  
Teacher: Stephanie Mack

**Inci Dogan**, Grade 3, *Into the Dark*, Matt Elementary School, Cumming,  
Teachers: Felicia Barnick, Kendra Miller

**Wesley Gibson**, Grade 5, *Song for the Whales*, Garden Hills Elementary School, Atlanta,  
Teacher: Maya McKenzie

**Wesley Gibson**, Grade 5, *Water*, Garden Hills Elementary School, Atlanta, Teacher: Maya McKenzie

**Hazel Harris**, Grade 4, *Sea oh Sea*, Lakeview Academy, Milledgeville, Teacher: Rosie Lowndes

**Cadence Long**, Grade 3, *The Wind's Music*, Casa Montessori School, Atlanta, Teacher: Alison Harris

**Aleana Moreno**, Grade 3, *The Breeze*, Lakeview Academy, Milledgeville, Teacher: Rosie Lowndes

**Eisly Navarro**, Grade 5, *La Mariposa Tigre Del Este*, Garden Hills Elementary School, Atlanta,  
Teacher: Maya McKenzie

**Anna Claire Stevens**, Grade 4, *The Lost Forest*, Vienna

**Paloma Vogel**, Grade 5, *The Hellbender*, Garden Hills Elementary School, Atlanta,  
Teacher: Maya McKenzie

#### Category III

**Arjun Narra**, Grade 8, *Press Play*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

**Ryan Ton**, Grade 7, *I Speak for the Trees*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang  
**Ryan Ton**, Grade 7, *In the Place of Mt. Fuji*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang

#### Category IV

**Anthony Kongoasa**, Grade 9, *Gone With the Wind*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang  
**Anthony Kongoasa**, Grade 9, *Our Earth: Lost and Found*, SKA Academy, Duluth,  
Teacher: Leng Chang  
**Madeleine Moon-Chun**, Grade 11, *Ode to River Currents*, Decatur  
**Mary Turcios-Gonzalez**, Grade 9, *Fresh Breeze*, Paul Duke STEM High School, Norcross,  
Teachers: Terri Edwards, Elyse Johnson  
**Matthew Wang**, Grade 11, *Between Heaven and Earth*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang  
**Matthew Wang**, Grade 11, *Fire and Frost*, SKA Academy, Duluth, Teacher: Leng Chang  
**Bevena Williams**, Grade 11, *To Sing with Birds*, Saint Marys

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\***Arrow Adams**, Grade 1, *My Beach Vacation*, Bainbridge  
\***Mishka Agarwal**, Grade 2, *Watching Fireflies*, Cumming  
**Elliot Kiser**, Grade 1, *The Sunset's Joy*, Casa Montessori School, Marietta,  
Teacher: Alison Harris  
**Brendan Mercer**, Grade 1, *Mouse Journey*, Casa Montessori School, Marietta,  
Teacher: Alison Harris  
**Heidi Pinckney**, Grade 2, *Fishing*, Casa Montessori School, Marietta,  
Teacher: Alison Harris

#### Category II

**Anthony Solano Cortes**, Grade 5, *Ocean's Embrace*, Garden Hills Elementary School, Atlanta,  
Teacher: Maya McKenzie  
\***Eva Deng**, Grade 5, *Rebirth of the Forgotten Garden*, Shakerag Elementary School, Duluth,  
Teacher: Stephanie Mack  
**Maira Javed**, Grade 5, *The Storm*, ILM Academy, Roswell, Teacher: Fabiha Khalid  
**Jack Rados**, Grade 5, *The River's Song*, Homeschool, Quitman, Teacher: Lindsay Walker  
**Clara Vanlandingham**, Grade 5, *Memories*, Garden Hills Elementary School, Atlanta,  
Teacher: Maya McKenzie

#### Category III

**Rayyona Hadjaeva**, Grade 6, *Summer Morning!*, Cumming  
**Shayaan Hameed**, Grade 8, *Wonders of Georgia*, Kennesaw  
**Khloe Little**, Grade 7, *Georgia Embrace*, General Ray Davis Middle School, Stockbridge,  
Teacher: Katy King  
**Amel Shallouf**, Grade 8, *Kennesaw Mountain*, Marietta  
**Ella White**, Grade 7, *Where I'm From*, Fannin County Middle School, McCaysville,  
Teachers: Ashley Nix, Erin Panter

#### Category IV

**Angie Mazariegos Anaya**, Grade 9, *A Lament and a Hope*, Paul Duke STEM High School, Norcross,  
Teacher: Teresita Edwards  
\***Madeleine Moon-Chun**, Grade 11, *Ode to River Currents*, Decatur  
**Ezekiel Reddick**, Grade 10, *Dear Autumn Trees*, Decatur  
\***Bevena Williams**, Grade 11, *To Sing with Birds*, Saint Marys  
**Erin Yoo**, Grade 12, *Imagine What Could Be*, Valdosta