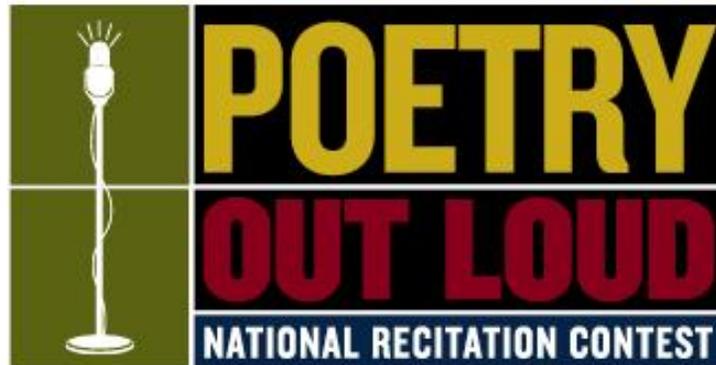


The **Washington State Arts Commission** Presents



POETRY OUT LOUD
Washington State Final Competition

Saturday, March 8, 2014

Broadway Center for the Performing Arts
Theatre on the Square

Tacoma, Washington

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Seventy-six schools in Washington State participated in *Poetry Out Loud* this year. After classroom-level competitions and school-wide competitions, these schools sent their top students to one of seven regional finals, held in Northwest Washington, Southwest Washington, Central Washington, Eastern Washington, Southeast Washington and the Puget Sound region, which was split into two regional finals.

Students from each of these seven regional finals have advanced to the state final.

These thirteen students are competing for the title of Washington State *Poetry Out Loud* Champion for 2014.

The winner of the state final will receive \$200, and the winner's school will receive a \$500 stipend for the purchase of poetry books. The second place finalist will receive \$100, with \$200 for his or her school library. The state champion will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to compete in the National Finals in Washington, DC, on April 29-30, 2014.

The *Poetry Out Loud* National Finals will award a total of \$50,000 in scholarships and school stipends, with a \$20,000 college scholarship for the National Champion.

...and the Thirteen Washington State Finalists are:

<u>Student</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>County</u>
Sydney Ackerman	South Whidbey High School	Island
Liam Daily	Liberty Bell High School	Okanogan
Anna Flood	Crosspoint Academy	Kitsap
Delaney Gold	The Oaks Academy	Spokane
Esther Hibbs	A.C. Davis High School	Yakima
Mckenna Johnson	Kentwood High School	King
Carlos Lehrke	Stevenson High School	Skamania
Margot Lewis	Bellingham High School	Whatcom
Elizabeth Mo	Kamiakin High School	Benton
Meghan Mulcahy	Olympia High School	Thurston
Francisca Ritoch	Shorewood High School	King
Garrett Snedeker	Ellensburg High School	Kittitas
Elizabeth Williamson	Vancouver School of Arts & Academics	Clark

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Host: Lucas Smiraldo

Music: The Kareem Kandi Band

Program: Introductions and Program Information
Brenda Nienhouse, Board Chair, Washington State Arts Commission
Karen Hanan, Executive Director, Washington State Arts Commission
Recitations, Round One – Thirteen Students
- Short Intermission -
Recitations, Round Two –Thirteen Students
Announcement of Five Finalists
- Short Intermission –
National Student Poet, Nathan Cummings
Recitations, Round Three – Five Students
Announcements and Acknowledgements
Presentation of Awards
Q&A with All Student Participants



About Poetry Out Loud

Recitation and performance are major current trends in poetry. There has been a recent resurgence of poetry as an oral art form, as seen in the slam poetry movement and the great popularity of hip-hop music. *Poetry Out Loud* builds on that momentum by inviting the dynamic aspects of slam poetry, spoken word, and theater into the English class.

The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation have partnered with State Arts Agencies across the United States to support the expansion of *Poetry Out Loud*, a program that encourages the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and performance. This exciting program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage.

After successful pilot programs in Washington, DC, and Chicago, *Poetry Out Loud* was launched as a nationwide program during the 2005-2006 school year. Here in Washington State, we've grown from just 8 participating high schools in 2006, to 76 participating schools in the 2013-2014 school year. It is likely that next year's program will continue to expand.

Thanks to everyone who came to enjoy great poetry and to support our state finalists. Enjoy!

The **Washington State Arts Commission** (ArtsWA) is a state agency, established in 1961, whose purpose is to conserve and develop the State's artistic resources, as essential to the social, educational, and economic growth of the State of Washington. One of our strategic goals is to strengthen K-12 arts education as part of, and fundamental to, basic education. For more information: www.arts.wa.gov.

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Student Poem Selections

Students will recite in alphabetical order, by last name, for the first round of recitations, and in reverse alphabetical order for the second round. The five finalists who advance to the third round will recite in a randomly chosen order. All poems were selected from the *Poetry Out Loud* anthology, available at www.poetryoutloud.org.

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Poem Titles and Authors, In Order of Recitation</u>
Sydney Ackerman	<i>The Idler</i> by Alice Moore Dunbar-Nelson <i>The End of Science Fiction</i> by Lisel Mueller <i>The Layers</i> by Stanley Kunitz
Liam Daily	<i>Anthem for Doomed Youth</i> by Wilfred Owen <i>The Empty Dance Shoes</i> by Cornelius Eady <i>Vigil Strange I Kept on the Field one Night</i> by Walt Whitman
Anna Flood	<i>I felt a Funeral, in my Brain, (340)</i> by Emily Dickinson <i>A Locked House</i> by W.D. Snodgrass <i>The Empty Dance Shoes</i> by Cornelius Eady
Delaney Gold	<i>Time Does Not Bring Relief: You All Have Lied</i> by Edna St. Vincent Millay <i>Becoming a Redwood</i> by Dana Gioia <i>A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning</i> by John Donne
Esther Hibbs	<i>Conversation</i> by Ai <i>The New Colossus</i> by Emma Lazarus <i>Possible Answers to Prayer</i> by Scott Cairns
Mckenna Johnson	<i>Baudelaire</i> by Delmore Schwartz <i>Conversation</i> by Ai [<i>Often rebuked, yet always back returning</i>] by Emily Brontë
Carlos Lehrke	<i>Eating Poetry</i> by Mark Strand <i>Fishing in Susquehanna in July</i> by Billy Collins <i>Dirge in Woods</i> by George Meredith
Margot Lewis	<i>The Albatross</i> by Kate Bass <i>To The Ladies</i> by Lady Mary Chudleigh <i>Dancers Exercising</i> by Amy Clampitt
Elizabeth Mo	<i>In Memoriam: Martin Luther King, Jr.</i> by June Jordan <i>Dover Beach</i> by Matthew Arnold <i>Spring</i> by Gerald Manley Hopkins
Meghan Mulcahy	<i>Adam's Curse</i> by William Butler Yeats <i>Chicago</i> by Carl Sandburg <i>Rondeau</i> by Leigh Hunt
Francisca Ritoch	<i>The Charge of the Light Brigade</i> by Alfred Lord Tennyson [<i>i carry your heart with me(i carry it in)</i>] by E. E. Cummings <i>The Lost Land</i> by Eavan Boland
Garrett Snedeker	<i>The Salutation</i> by Thomas Traherne <i>A Graveyard</i> by Marianne Moore <i>On a Drop of Dew</i> by Andrew Marvell
Elizabeth Williamson	<i>Abandoned Farmhouse</i> by Ted Kooser <i>My Grandmother's Love Letters</i> by Hart Crane <i>As Kingfishers Catch Fire</i> by Gerard Manley Hopkins

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Biographies: Judges and Host

Daemond Arrindell is a poet, performer, and teaching artist. Faculty member of Freehold Theatre and co-facilitator of poetry and theater residencies at Monroe Correctional Complex for men; Writer-In-Residence through Seattle Arts & Lectures' Writers in the Schools Program; and in the fall of 2012, he taught Seattle University's first course in Slam Poetry. He has performed in venues across the country and has been repeatedly commissioned by both Seattle and Bellevue Arts Museums. In 2013, he was selected for "13 for '13," a joint project between the Seattle Times and KUOW profiling thirteen influential people in Seattle's art scene.

Rick Barot is an associate professor of English at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. He has published two books of poetry with Sarabande Books: *The Darker Fall* (2002), and *Want* (2008), which was a finalist for the Lambda Literary Award and won the 2009 Grub Street Book Prize. He has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, Artist Trust of Washington, the Civitella Ranieri Foundation, and Stanford University, where he was a Wallace E. Stegner Fellow and a Jones Lecturer in Poetry. His third collection of poems, *Chord*, will be published by Sarabande in 2015.

Kathleen Flenniken just completed her term as the 2012-2014 Washington State Poet Laureate, during which she achieved her goal of bringing poetry programs to all 39 counties. She is the author of two poetry collections, *Famous*, named a Notable Book by the American Library Association, and *Plume*, a personal meditation on the Hanford Nuclear Site and winner of the 2013 Washington State Book Award. Kathleen teaches in Seattle public schools through arts agencies like Writers in the Schools and the Jack Straw Foundation, and publishes Washington State poets as an editor at Floating Bridge Press.

Michael Overa is a Pacific Northwest Native. Michael has worked with 826 Seattle, Field's End, the Richard Hugo House, and Seattle's Writers in the Schools Program. Michael earned his MFA in Creative Writing from Hollins University in Virginia, where he was a 2009-2010 Teaching Fellow. During the 2013-2014 academic year Michael also participated in the Teaching Artist Training Lab at the Seattle Repertory Theatre. This summer Michael will be teaching playwriting at Cornish College in Seattle, and monologues at Village Theatre in Everett. His work has appeared in the Portland Review, Fiction Daily, Husk and Syntax, among others.

Liisa Moilanen Potts is the English Language Arts Director at OSPI (Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction) and supports all K-12 schools in Washington. Liisa has taught English to middle- and high-schoolers in Iowa and California and teaches English at the community college level. She is a National Writing Project Fellow and has worked with students to produce poetry, short stories, small films, essays, and other texts. Liisa's students' poetry, stories, music, and writing have been published in major newspapers, magazines, broadcast on television, and performed at regional theatre.

Lucas Smiraldo is a poet, spoken word artist and frequent master of ceremonies at events. In April 2013 he was named poet laureate for the city of Tacoma through 2015. Recently he received a grant from the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation to establish a laureate listening project which will create a listening anthology of poetry from citizens throughout Tacoma. Luke also hosts a monthly collaborative performance at the B Sharp Café called "Live at the Auricle" which is quickly becoming a laboratory of original music, dance, and spoken word performances. Luke will be launching his first ever published book early this spring titled *The Thing That Gathers*. Hosting *Poetry Out Loud* is one of Luke's highlights for the late winter.

Frank Video works as a Legislative Aide for Seattle City Councilmember Nick Licata, advising on legislation, budgets and policies related to the arts, culture, parks, and technology, among other areas. When not working for the City of Seattle, Frank is a visual artist specializing in design, public art, and site-specific installation. He serves as a board member of Velocity Dance Center in Seattle, and enjoys mountain and urban hiking, x-country skiing, biking his errands around town, and dancing to DJs in clubs. Frank serves on the board of the Washington State Arts Commission.

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