



POETRY

OUT LOUD

NATIONAL RECITATION CONTEST

State of Nevada Finals

Saturday, March 24, 2007

Redfield Proscenium Theatre, Church Fine Arts Complex

University of Nevada, Reno

Reno, Nevada

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Greetings:

It is my great pleasure to serve as Honorary Chair of the second annual Nevada State Poetry Out Loud competition.

All of the students who are competing here today are role models for us all. They have demonstrated the discipline it requires to memorize three poems from an anthology of poems selected by the National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation, and they have studied and practiced them to the point where they can recite them with confidence and meaning.

I want to extend my congratulations to all of the organizations that have made this event possible. The Nevada Arts Council, the Nevada Department of Education and the Nevada Alliance for Arts Education can be extremely proud of the work they are doing. Without these organizations, many of Nevada's youth would have no exposure to the arts and the self-esteem building opportunities that participation in the arts offer. Research tells us that when youth are provided with alternative activities, they can make good decisions and stay away from drugs. The Governor and I are committed to supporting positive alternatives for youth, including the arts.

Congratulations as well to the families, communities, schools and teachers who have obviously succeeded at instilling in these young people an appreciation for the arts, which inspire all of us to achieve to our highest potential.

The Governor and I offer our best wishes to each of you who are competing today.

Sincerely,

Dawn Gibbons
First Lady of Nevada

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The National Endowment for the Arts
The Poetry Foundation
The Nevada Department of Education
The University of Nevada, Reno, College of Liberal Arts
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proudly presents

The Second Annual
Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest
Nevada State Finals

March 24, 2007
Noon
Redfield Proscenium Theatre
University of Nevada, Reno

Featuring Students From
Churchill County
Elko County
Lyon County
Pershing County

Carson County
Douglas County
Lincoln County
Nye County
Washoe County

Clark County
Humboldt County
Mineral County
Storey County
White Pine County

Welcome ~ Heather Hardy, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, University of Nevada, Reno

Introduction of Judges ~ Tim Jones, Nevada Arts Council Board Chairperson

Introduction of Students ~ Tim Jones

Round 1

1. Jaitee Pitts
2. Shannon Qualls
3. Geoffrey McFarland
4. Jake Reid
5. Roxanne Strahan
6. Andrew Perazzo
7. Kimberly Dix
8. Kate Ohene
9. Lainey Henderson
10. Daren Briones
11. Becca Hartswick
12. Allison Briggs
13. Michael Gloeckner
14. Dillon Oberhansli

Round 2

1. Lainey Henderson
2. Allison Briggs
3. Daren Briones
4. Kate Ohene
5. Jaitee Pitts
6. Becca Hartswick
7. Roxanne Strahan
8. Andrew Perazzo
9. Geoffrey McFarland
10. Michael Gloeckner
11. Dillon Oberhansli
12. Jake Reid
13. Shannon Qualls
14. Kimberly Dix

Round 3

Top three finalists

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Presentation of Awards ~ Dan Stone, National Endowment for the Arts Program Manager and Jill Berryman, Nevada Alliance for Arts Education President

Final Comments ~ Susan Boskoff, Nevada Arts Council Executive Director

Reception in the Lobby ~ all are invited!

T H E P O E M S & P O E T S

Each student was required to prepare three poems from an anthology of poems selected by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation. Each student's poems are listed below in alphabetical order by the poem's title. Deciding on the order in which to recite their poems is a strategic decision that the students must make. All fourteen students will recite one poem in Round 1 and one poem in Round 2. Only three students will advance to Round 3.

Carson: Lainey Henderson

- *I Go Back to May 1937* by Sharon Olds
- *A Psalm of Life* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- *Why I am Not a Painter* by Frank O'Hara

Churchill: Andrew Perazzo

- *A Psalm of Life* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- *Harlem* by Langston Hughes
- *How do I love thee? Let me count the ways* by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Clark: Kate Ohene

- *Beautiful Black Men* by Nikki Giovanni
- *Harlem* by Langston Hughes
- *Still I Rise* by Maya Angelou

Douglas: Jake Reid

- *Rough Music* by Deborah Digges
- *The Secret of the Machines* by Rudyard Kipling
- *Walking Down Park* by Nikki Giovanni

Elko: Kimberly Dix

- *Harlem* by Langston Hughes
- *Ikebana* by Cathy Song
- *Still I Rise* by Maya Angelou

Humboldt: Daren Briones

- *anyone lived in a pretty how town* by E. E. Cummings
- *Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night* by Dylan Thomas
- *How do I love thee? Let me count the ways* by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Lincoln: Michael Gloeckner

- *Harlem* by Langston Hughes
- *How do I love thee? Let me count the ways* by Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- *When, in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes (29)* by William Shakespeare



Lyon: Becca Hartswick

- *A Supermarket in California* by Allen Ginsberg
- *anyone lived in a pretty how town* by E. E. Cummings
- *Rough Music* by Deborah Digges

Mineral: Dillon Oberhansli

- *Fire and Ice* by Robert Frost
- *Ozymandias* by Percy Bysshe Shelley
- *The Owl and the Pussy-Cat* by Edward Lear

Nye: Jaitee Pitts

- *Annabel Lee* by Edgar Allan Poe
- *The Spider and the Fly* by Mary Howitt
- *Why I am Not a Painter* by Frank O'Hara

Pershing: Shannon Qualls

- *Ballad of Birmingham* by Dudley Randall
- *Dover Beach* by Matthew Arnold
- *Still I Rise* by Maya Angelou

Storey: Roxanne Strahan

- *A Blessing* by James Wright
- *Jabberwocky* by Lewis Carroll
- *The Charge of the Light Brigade* by Alfred Lord Tennyson

Washoe: Geoffrey McFarland

- *Chicago* by Carl Sandburg
- *My Last Duchess* by Robert Browning
- *We Wear the Mask* by Paul Laurence Dunbar

White Pine: Allison Briggs

- *Song of the Powers* by David Mason
- *The Owl and the Pussy-Cat* by Edward Lear
- *To the Ladies* by Lady Mary Chudleigh



Carson County
Lainey Henderson
Sophomore
Carson High School
Fred Perdomo, Principal

Lainey Henderson is sixteen years old, and she has a passion for theater. Her natural attraction to theater is probably due to spending her entire life in Carson City and, consequently, her need to find creative ways to entertain herself and others. Her favorite roles she has played so far are Jack Frost in "The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus," Amy Lawrence in "Tom Sawyer" and Mary Helen Merryman in "I'm Sorry the Bridge is Out You'll Have to Spend the Night." Although she has no concrete plans for the future, she is excited to be on her own and hopes to travel everywhere she possibly can.

Lainey thanks her coaches Karen Chandler and Mary Henderson.



Churchill County
Andrew Perazzo
Junior
Churchill County High School
John Riley, Principal

Andrew Perazzo was born in Fallon and enjoys life on the family ranch. He is an active member of the CCHS Debate team and vice-president of the high school thespian troupe. He will play the role of Mr. Bingley in the upcoming CCHS Theatre production of "Pride and Prejudice." His future plans include becoming a high school English teacher.

Andrew thanks his coaches Gary Jamieson, Mrs. Holladay, Adam Perazzo, Glen Perazzo, John Perazzo, Nancy Perazzo, and Ms. V.



Clark County
Kate Ohene
Junior
Bishop Gorman High School
Paul Sullivan, Principal

Kate was born in College Station, Texas and moved to Las Vegas when she was a few months old so she considers herself a native Nevadan. Kate is currently involved in numerous extra-curricular activities. Kate is the secretary of the Speech and Debate Club and the president of the Hip Hop Club/Dance Group. Kate is also a member of the Medical Explorers Program at University Medical Center. This program helps to expose students to the medical field, as well as its advancements. Kate plans to pursue a medical career in Neurological Pediatrics.

Kate thanks her coaches Fred Ohene, Freddie Ohene, Levene Ohene, and Mrs. Christy Ramos.



Douglas County
 Jake Reid
 Junior
 Douglas High School
 Marty Swisher, Principal

Born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Jake moved to Carson City when he was four and has never looked back. He feels that the extraordinary beauty of Nevada’s wilderness areas serves as the perfect environment for a growing writer and an avid nature enthusiast. Jake is, however, looking back to New Mexico where he plans to go to St. John’s College in Santa Fe, because he values intellectual and artistic pursuits for their own sake. It’s no wonder he enjoys snowboarding, debating, playing music, and reciting poetry. Jake thanks his coaches Bob Reid, Carol Reid, and James Scoggins.



Kimberly Dix
 Junior
 Elko High School
 Michael Altenburg, Principal

Kimberly Dix was born in Reno but has lived in Elko since she was six years old. She is currently a soprano in the EHS Choraliers, a member of the Elko City Youth Advisory Council, and a staff writer on the EHS “Pow-Wow.” Kim plans to attend either the University of Nevada, Reno or Washington State University to study journalism. She hopes to one day become an international reporter or a novelist. Kim thanks her coaches Kelly Moon and Emily Nielson.



Humboldt County
 Daren Briones
 Sophomore
 Lowry High School
 Kirk Brower, Principal

This is Darren’s second year competing in the Nevada State Poetry Out Loud Finals. Daren was born in Oregon and raised in Winnemucca. A prolific young poet, Darren has already written more than 200 poems, won several local awards, and had one of his poems entitled “Gen, Chapter 4” published on “poetry.com.” A self-taught musician as well, he plays the piano, bass and guitar. Daren is the oldest of four children and enjoys paintballing and bike riding. Daren plans to go to a yet-to-be-determined college where he would like to study journalism and writing. Daren thanks his coaches Stephannie Cervantes and Meredith Felshaw.



Lincoln County
 Michael David Gloeckner
 Senior
 Lincoln County High School
 Craig Babcock, Principal

Michael David Gloeckner is a lifelong resident of Calinete and has always wanted to be an actor having excelled in any part given to him so far - large or small. Most recently he portrayed Joseph in "Joseph and the amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," sings tenor in the show choir, and is president of the drama club. He loves snowboarding, riding horses, and singing, but acting is his true passion. He plans on going to the American Academy of Dramatic Art and then hopefully on to Hollywood.

Michael thanks his coaches Hayley Gloeckner, Sharon McHenry, and Pete Peterson.



Lyon County
 Becca Hartswick
 Junior
 Fernley High School
 Ryan Cross, Principal

Becca Hartswick was raised in a small town in Missouri and moved to Fernley in 2005. Becca's favorite activities are competing in Forensics tournaments, attending church, watching "Gilmore Girls," and spending time with her friends and her dazzling mother. In the future she plans to attend the Savannah College of Art and Design where she will study costume design.

Becca thanks her coaches Rochelle Christian, Ali Cooper, and Lynne Gervais.



Mineral County
 Dillon Oberhansli
 Junior
 Mineral County High School
 Margaret Ruybalid, Principal

Dillon Oberhansli is a native Nevadan. At the age of ten he decided to become an actor while watching "Star Wars Episode I." He and his brothers hope to eventually start a film studio. He has been on the Hawthorne Stingrays swim team for thirteen years and has been a lifeguard at the pool for two years. He started playing the guitar a year ago and especially enjoys playing Green Day music. Dillon has dyslexia and sometimes it makes it hard to read, so he prefers to memorize things. He has been told that he is uncommonly good at memorization. He is planning on going to Savannah College of Art and Design where his older brother now attends. Dillon plans on majoring in acting and hopes to become a film actor.

Dillon thanks his coach Courtney Oberhansli.



Nye County
 Jaitee Pitts
 Sophomore
 Pahrump Valley High School
 Kent Roberts, Principal

Jaitee Pitts was born in San Diego and has moved a lot during her life due to her family being in the military. She has always had her nose in a book since she first learned to read at two years old. Through her reading she has excelled academically and is currently a sophomore at Pahrump Valley High at the age of fourteen. She is in her school's mixed choir and JROTC. She plans on going to college with a theater major and creative writing minor.

Jaitee thanks her coaches Mana Burke, Paul DiLella, and Genie Torrez.



Pershing County
 Shannon Qualls
 Junior
 Pershing County High School
 Russell Fecht, Principal

Shannon Qualls is originally from Los Angeles where she attended Hawthorne High School. Shannon participated in many different programs including NJROTC, Avid, advanced placement and the engineering program. Shannon moved to Lovelock when she was sixteen years old. At first she didn't like being in a small town, but soon came to love it. Shannon's favorite activities include yearbook, speech and drama, auto shop, and choir.

Shannon thanks her coaches Chou, Tawyna Harrington, Mrs. Johnson, Lyndsey Knight, Mrs. Shirley, Stephanie Switzer, and Mrs. Terry.



Storey County
 Roxanne Strahan
 Sophomore
 Virginia City High School
 Patrick Beckwith, Principal

Roxanne was born in Poway, CA and moved with her family to Virginia City in 2006. A straight-A student, Roxanne is also an accomplished horsewoman. Among her many awards was the 2006 National Champion title for FEI Dressage Jr. with her Hanoverian stallion Mister A. Roxanne is hoping to attend Stanford University in the field of science, perhaps veterinary medicine. Roxanne was a member of VCHS Academic Olympic team and on the accreditation committee as a student representative for VCHS.

Roxanne thanks her coaches Christine Prater, Ralph Strahan, and Suzan Strahan.



Washoe County
Geoffrey McFarland
Senior
Galena High School
Tom Brown, Principal

Geoff McFarland, originally from Massachusetts, moved to Reno two years ago. He is active on his school's mock trial and speech and debate teams, B.A.M.N. International, Student Council, Readers Becoming Leaders Literacy Program, Poetry Club, Yearbook, various choral groups, and Key Club. Geoff translates Spanish for underprivileged youth, tutors math, and volunteers through the Great Basin Food Co-op, G.H.O.S.T., and Nevada Second Harvest. Geoff's passions include sailing, snowboarding, and symphonic string sextets. Geoff is considering colleges ranging from rural California to Eastern coastal cities. He hopes to write a national bestseller, retire at age 25 and move to a home on the coast of Martha's Vineyard. Geoff only recently discovered his passion for poetry, through the active encouragement of his English teacher, Mrs. Gray. Geoffrey thanks his coaches Mikaela Alger, Carol McFarland, Chris McFarland, Maggie McFarland, Mrs. Gray, and Chelsea White.



White Pine County
Allison Briggs
Sophomore
White Pine High School
Adam Young, Principal

Allison Briggs has spent her entire high school career at White Pine High School. Allison loves drama and theater. She found that working with poetry has improved her vocal coloring in drama and has given her a new outlook. Allison plans to attend college after high school to pursue a possible career in theater or in teaching drama. Allison thanks her coaches Cammie Briggs, John Haraden, Elina Inananen, Ian Tracy, and Kathy Tucker.

"The public recitation of great poetry is a way to honor the speaker, the poem and the audience all at once."
– John Barr, President, The Poetry Foundation

Mai Do (judge) anchors the evening news for KOLO-TV, News Channel 8, in Reno at 5:00 and 11:00 with Pat Hambright and at 6:30 with Tad Dunbar. She comes to Reno by way of Bakersfield, California where she also anchored the evening news for the local NBC affiliate. Prior to that, she worked for the Associated Press out of the Los Angeles bureau while putting herself through graduate school at California State University, Northridge. Mai and her husband have many family ties to Northern Nevada, and are proud to make their home here in the Truckee Meadows.

Shaun Griffin (judge) is the co-founder and director of Community Chest, a non-profit agency serving children and families in northwestern Nevada since 1991 and the former founding director of the State's homeless education office. In 2004, he received the Mike O'Callaghan Humanitarian Award. His last book of poems was "Winter in Pediatrics," included in *The Harvest of Lesser Burdens, Art in the Fields of Medicine*, published by the Nevada Museum of Art Press, 2006. "Bathing in the River of Ashes" was published by the University of Nevada Press in 1999, and "Death to Silence" (translations from the Chilean poet, Emma Sepúlveda) was released by Arte Público Press in 1997. In 1995 he received the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts. For many years he has taught a poetry workshop at Northern Nevada Correctional Center and published an annual journal of their work, "Razor Wire." In 2006, he received the Rosemary McMillan Lifetime Achievement in Art Award from Sierra Arts Foundation.

Tracy Gruber (judge) is the ELA/Fine Arts Consultant for the State of Nevada Department of Education. Tracy received a BS from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1992 then taught special education at Carson Valley Middle School for the remainder of the school year. From there she went to Scarselli Elementary School where she taught 3rd, 4th, and multi-age classes until April of 2006. While at Scarselli Elementary School, Tracy earned a master's degree in curriculum from UNR, achieved National Board Certification in middle childhood, was Teacher of the Year in 2003, and was a trainer in math and reading. As an elementary school teacher, Tracy has witnessed the importance of arts in the classroom and believes that the arts should be integrated into the curriculum in order to facilitate students' ability to understand the connections among subjects.

Lisa Hoitsma (judge) has been Executive Director of Pittsburgh's Gateway to the Arts, a nonprofit arts in education organization serving public, private and parochial schools in 14 counties of western Pennsylvania, since April of 2000, having previously served as Associate Director of Young Audiences of Maryland since 1995. Lisa has a BA from Hampshire College and a master's degree in vocal performance from New England Conservatory. She was a singer/songwriter in the DC/Baltimore area for 15 years, performing with several bands and released one CD as "Lisa Jordan". She currently serves on the board of directors of the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council, the Pittsburgh Chamber Music Society, the steering council of the Arts Education Collaborative, the program committee of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, and the advisory board of 21st Century Learning Centers. Lisa has served on review panels for the Baltimore Mayors Advisory Committee for Art and Culture, the PA Council on the Arts and the Nevada Arts Council.

Tim Jones (master of ceremonies) is the Associate Director of the School of the Arts at the University of Nevada, Reno, where he has worked for over 26 years. One of the co-founders of Artown (Reno's summer arts festival which began in 1996), he developed a number of that festival's programming concepts—including the award-winning "Discover the Arts" arts education/participation series for children. Tim currently serves as chairman of the Nevada Arts Council, a nine-member board appointed by the Governor. He received a B.A. in broadcasting and his M.A. in speech/communication from Washington State University.

S P E C I A L G U E S T S

Patricia Miller (judge) is the Vice-President for Programming, Promotion and Education at Reno's public television station, KNPB/Channel 5 and is responsible for the content areas of station services and management. Pat holds degrees in English and Journalism from Kent State University and Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and has more than 20 years of classroom teaching at both the high school and college/university levels. She is Vice-President of Sierra Arts Foundation, serves on the Executive Committee of Truckee Meadows Tomorrow, and performs with Bella Voce women's ensemble and the choir at First United Methodist Church.

Ellis Rice (judge) has performed as an actor and musician throughout the United States. He's a graduate of the Conservatory of Theatre Arts at Webster College in St. Louis. He's studied at the Dick Grove School of Jazz Music, was Co-founder of the Hittite Empire, and is currently Director of the Bluesoul Arts Continuum, a creative performing arts organization. Ellis works for the City of Las Vegas as the Coordinator of the Reed Whipple Cultural Center. He was instrumental in developing "the Poets Corner," Las Vegas' longest running poetry reading forum.

Kim Russell (judge) is the Program Director for the International House of Blues Foundation, Las Vegas. She is the author of "The Tuskegee Love Letters," a stage play about the Tuskegee Airmen; and "Asheba's Story," a play for children teaching African American History. Kim has toured the United States with her original performance of the "Sojourner Truth: I Sell The Shadow." She is a past recipient of the Nevada Fellowship Award and at the invitation of President and Mrs. George W. Bush, she was a guest of the White House in 2003.

William Russell (judge) is the executive director of the Nevada Opera. Bill holds voice and piano performance degrees from the University of Colorado, a professional certificate from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City, and an MBA degree from UCLA. Bill has held positions with the Metropolitan, San Francisco, Dresden Staatsoper, Los Angeles, Washington DC and Anchorage Operas and Opera Columbus in Ohio. Bill's awards include a Peabody Award for broadcast excellence (San Francisco Opera radio Broadcasts 1979-84), Emmy awards for "La Gioconda" (San Francisco Opera) and "Goya" (Washington National Opera). Bill has also received the Governor's Arts Award in both Ohio and Alaska. Most recently, Bill served as a judge for American Idol preliminaries held at the Eldorado Hotel and Casino in Reno.

Tim Sauers (judge) has been the program director at Urban Gateways since 1994. Past positions include Founder and Producing Director for Playback Theatre Midwest and Education Director for Trinity Square Ensemble. Tim received his B.A. degree in Communications and Theatre Arts from Susquehanna University. He has two M. A. degrees: one in Theatre Directing from Michigan State University and one in Interdisciplinary Arts from Columbia College Chicago. Tim also serves as a freelance theatre critic for Gernhardt Publications. Tim has served on various arts education proposal review panels including the National Endowment for the Arts, and the U.S. Department of Education, and the Nevada Arts Council.

"The ear is the only true writer and the only true reader."
– Robert Frost

What is Poetry Out Loud?

The Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest, created by the National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation seeks to foster the next generation of literary readers by capitalizing on the latest trends in poetry - recitation and performance. The program builds on the resurgence of poetry as an oral art form, as seen in the slam poetry movement and the immense popularity of rap music among youth. Poetry Out Loud invites the dynamic aspects of slam poetry, spoken word, and theater into English, theater, humanities and social studies classrooms. Through Poetry Out Loud, students can master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage.

Thousands of high school students across the nation will participate in Poetry Out Loud this year. State finalists advance to the National Finals where \$50,000 in scholarships and school prizes will be awarded. Finalists will attend a welcome banquet at the Jurys Washington Hotel on Sunday, April 29, with the National Semifinals to be held on April 30 and the Finals on May 1 on the George Washington University Campus. Students will also have an opportunity to meet their members of Congress at a special luncheon in their honor in the Dirksen Senate Office Building on May 1.

The Nevada Arts Council, the Nevada Alliance for Arts Education and the Nevada Department of Education invited all high schools across the state – public, charter and private – to participate in Poetry Out Loud. In our first year (2006), ten of Nevada’s school districts participated. This year fourteen of the sixteen school districts in Nevada with a high school are participating, representing thirty-six schools, fifty teachers and more than 1200 students.



A C K N O W L E D G E M E N T S

Congratulations and thank you to all of the following individuals and organizations from throughout the State of Nevada for making the 2007 Poetry Out Loud Program such a big success. We couldn't have done it without YOU!

We want to extend a special thank you to the coordinators in each district who were responsible for identifying and recruiting teachers and students, completing and submitting all the required paperwork for themselves and their students, and coordinating the district finals where today's students were selected.

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Carson County

Coordinator: Karen Chandler
School: Carson High School
Principal: Fred Perdomo
Teacher: Karen Chandler
Others: Mary Bennett, Tony DeGeiso, Maizie Jesse, Carol Scott

Churchill County

Coordinator: Jaime Holladay
School: Churchill County High School
Principal: John Riley
Teacher: Jaime Holladay
Others: Amy Burton, Grace Ernst, Vicki Kieckbusch, Mary Kroll, Nicole Nares, Carolyn Ross, Amy Weldon

Clark County

Coordinator: Clark County School District School-Community Partnership Program, Bridget Phillips, Judy Myers, Charlene Blood, and Simone Williams
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Teachers: Kelly Burrows, Amy Furmanek, Barbara Hansen, Mega Hauck, Shaun Ingalls, MaryAnn Johnson, Allyn Markert, Jayme Moreland, Christine Ramos, Linda Rickey, Dennis Sierra, Rosemary Smith, Stephanie Sterns, Kathleen Sully, Cynthia Wulfsberg, Mary Ziegler
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Douglas County

Coordinator: James Scoggins
School: Douglas High School
Principal: Marty Swisher
Teachers: Earlene Issel, Karen Lamb, James Scoggins, Katie Shipley
Others: Phyllis Bateman, Carol Lark, Ashley Luoma, Michael Magno

Elko County

Coordinator: Shawn Ann Welton
Schools: Carlin High School, Elko High School, Spring Creek High School
Principals: Michael Altenburg, Betty Fobes, Norm Mahlberg
Teachers: Maureen Dempsey, Gary Ellefson, Julie Lewis, Kelly Moon, Emily Nielson, Brian Starkey, Shawn Ann Welton
Others: Teresa Nolan, Cathy Smales, Karen Wilson

Eureka County

Coordinator: Kristine Bell
School: Eureka County High School
Principal: Ken Fujii
Teacher: Kristine Bell

Humboldt County

Coordinator: Meredith Felshaw
School: Lowry High School
Principal: Kirk Brower
Teachers: Tod Baldovin, Matt Felshaw, Meredith Felshaw, Corrine Hernandez, Janet Kennedy, Lynn Ludlow, Jeff Setzer
Others: Carmen Goicoechea, Doc Welter

Lander County

Coordinator: Jacqueline Lindsey
School: Battle Mountain High School
Principal: Amy Kester
Teachers: Jacqueline Lindsey

Lincoln County
Coordinator: Pete Peterson
School: Lincoln County High School
Principal: Craig Babcock
Teacher: Pete Peterson
Other: Sharon McHenry

Lyon County:
Coordinator: Lynne Gervais
Schools: Fernley High School, Smith Valley High School
Principals: Ryan Cross, Keri Pommerening
Teachers: Lynne Gervais, Kristine Stacey
Others: Dave Andrulli, Lecia Curtis, Leo Gervais, Kelly Gregg, Tracy Hodges, Richard McCausland, Pat Spracklin, Paul Theiss

Mineral County
Coordinator: Tyler Cobb
School: Mineral County High School
Principal: Margaret Ruybalid
Teacher: Tyler Cobb
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Nye County
Coordinator: Genie Torrez
School: Pahrump Valley High School
Principal: Kent Roberts
Teacher: Genie Torrez
Others: Matt Kolodziejczyk, Brant Richardson, David Vanderbeek

Pershing County
Coordinator: Julie Terry
School: Pershing County High School
Principal: Russell Fecht
Teacher: Julie Terry
Others: Martha Carlson, Lance Condie, Jeana Dotson, Pat Rowe, Shaun Terry, Pam Weeldreyer, Tim Wuth

Storey County
Coordinator: Patrick Beckwith
School: Virginia City High School
Principal: Patrick Beckwith
Teachers: Karen Kreyeski, Christine Prater
Others: Patrick Beckwith, Julie Day, Lynette Defebaugh, Christy Ann Strange, Virginia Warner

Washoe County
Coordinator: City of Reno, McKinley Arts and Culture Center: Stacey Spain
Schools: Coral Academy of Science, Galena High School, Hug High School, McQueen High School, Spanish Springs High School, Wooster High School
Principals: Tom Brown, John Carlson, Jess Castillo, Ross Gregory, Ben Karduman, Andrew Kelly, Adam Young
Teachers: Francine Gray, Brenda Kiriluk, Kira Smith, Thomas Smith, Leslie Soughers, Reid Wesley
Others: Jill Berryman, Nancy Cummings, Gailmarie Pahmeier

White Pine County
Coordinator: Kelly Sturgeon
School: White Pine High School
Principal: Adam Young
Teachers: Sam Hanson, Kelly Sturgeon, Kathy Tucker
Others: Patricia Fua, Donnica Herring, Betsy Stewart

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Nevada Arts Council

The Nevada Arts Council (NAC) was established as a state agency in 1967 with a mission "to enrich the cultural life of the state through leadership that preserves, supports, strengthens and makes accessible excellence in the arts for all Nevadans." NAC programs stimulate artistic and cultural activity throughout the state and encourage public and private support for the arts. A division of the Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs, NAC is funded by the Nevada State Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts and other private sources.

Nevada Alliance for Arts Education

The Nevada Alliance for Arts Education (NAAE) promotes arts education as an essential component of a quality education. A member of the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network, NAAE partners with the Nevada Arts Council and other institutions and organizations to promote arts education and implement professional development for educators throughout the State of Nevada.

National Endowment for the Arts

The National Endowment for the Arts is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts – both new and established – bringing the arts to all Americans, and providing leadership in arts education. Established by Congress in 1965 as an independent agency of the federal government, the Endowment is the nation's largest annual funder of the arts, bringing great art to all 50 states, including rural areas, inner cities and military bases.

The Poetry Foundation

The Poetry Foundation, publisher of Poetry Magazine, is an independent literary organization committed to a vigorous presence for poetry in our culture. It has embarked on an ambitious plan to bring the best poetry before the largest possible audiences.

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