



POETRY

OUT LOUD

NATIONAL RECITATION CONTEST

State of Nevada Finals

Saturday, March 15, 2008

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 third 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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The Nevada Alliance for Arts Education

proudly presents

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

March 15, 2008

Noon

Redfield Proscenium Theatre
University of Nevada, Reno

Featuring Students From

Carson County
Douglas County
Lander County
Mineral County
Washoe County

Churchill County
Elko County
Lincoln County
Nye County
Pershing County

Clark County
Humboldt County
Lyon County
Storey County
White Pine County

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

Master of Ceremonies ~ Tim Jones, Chair of the Nevada Arts Council Board of Directors, UNR School of the Arts

Comments ~ Paul Dugan, Superintendent, Washoe County School District and John Ostrout, Director State and Regional Partnerships, National Endowment for the Arts

Introduction of Judges and Students ~

Round 1

1. Vanessa Murphy
2. Lainey Henderson
3. Rocio Lopez
4. Allison Briggs
5. Andie Marken
6. Ben Kistingner
7. Ben Baker
8. Lyssa Springer
9. Andrew Perazzo
10. J'Mar Tarafa
11. Talton Gay
12. Heather Gibeson
13. Dillon Oberhansli
14. Chelsea M. Becker
15. Jake Reid

Round 2

1. Lyssa Springer
2. Chelsey M. Becker
3. Andie Marken
4. Talton Gay
5. Rocio Lopez
6. Andrew Perazzo
7. Dillon Oberhansli
8. J'Mar Tarafa
9. Ben Baker
10. Jake Reid
11. Heather Gibeson
12. Vanessa Murphy
13. Ben Kistingner
14. Allison Briggs
15. Lainey Henderson

Round 3

Top three finalists

Presentation of Awards ~ Jill Berryman, President, Nevada Alliance for Arts Education and John Ostrout, Director State and Regional Partnerships, National Endowment for the Arts

Final Comments ~ Susan Boskoff, Executive Director, Nevada Arts Council

Reception in the Lobby ~ all are invited!

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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 the order in which they will recite them. Deciding on the order is a strategic decision that the students must make. All fifteen 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

- *Mrs. Krikorian* by Sharon Olds
- *It was Not Death, for I Stood Up* by Emily Dickinson
- *Since There is No Escape* by Sarah Teasdale

Churchill: Andrew Perazzo

- *The Road Not Taken* by Robert Frost
- *Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird* by Wallace Stevens
- *To the Ladies* by Lady Mary Chudleigh

Clark: Ben Kistingner

- *To His Coy Mistress* by Andrew Marvell
- *Poem with One Fact* by Donald Hall
- *Richard Cory* by Edward Arlington Robinson

Douglas: Jake Reid

- *Old Men Playing Basketball* by B. H. Fairchild
- *Degrees of Gray in Philipsburg* by Richard F. Hugo
- *England in 1819* by Percy Bysshe Shelley

Elko: Talton Gay

- *The Song of Smoke* by W.E.B. DuBois
- *Casey at the Bat* by Ernest Lawrence Thayer
- *Thoughts in a Zoo* by Countee Cullen

Humboldt: J'Mar Tarafa

- *Annabel Lee* by Edgar Allan Poe
- *Jabberwocky* by Lewis Carroll
- *Cold Blooded Creatures* by Elinor Wylie

Lander: Rocio Lopez

- *One Art* by Elizabeth Bishop
- *If* by Rudyard Kipling
- *Fallout* by David Bottoms

Lincoln: Ben Baker

- *She Walks in Beauty* by George Gordon, Lord Byron
- *We Wear the Mask* by Paul Laurence Dunbar
- *Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night* by Dylan Thomas

Lyon: Vanessa Murphy

- *A Locked House* by W. D. Snodgrass
- *Eagle Poem* by Joy Harjo
- *O Captain! My Captain!* by Walt Whitman

Mineral: Dillon Obherhansli

- *The Tyger* by William Blake
- *Ozmandias* by Percy Bysshe Shelley
- *Concord Hymn* by Ralph Waldo Emerson

Nye: Heather Gibeson

- *Still I Rise* by Maya Angelou
- *Scary Movies* by Kim Addonizio
- *Alone* by Edgar Allan Poe

Pershing: Lyssa Springer

- *Broken Promises* by David Kirby
- *How do I Love Thee?* by Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- *Unknown Girl in the Maternity Ward* by Anne Sexton

Storey: Chelsey M. Becker

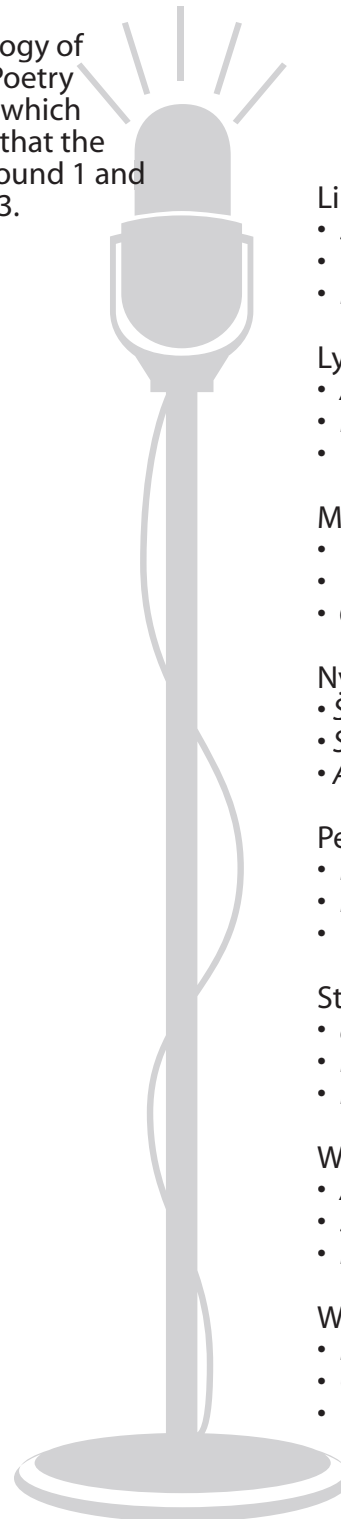
- *anyone lived in a pretty how town ...* by e.e. cummings
- *Bilingual/Bilingüe* by Rhina P. Espailat
- *Kubla Khan* by Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Washoe: Andie Marken

- *Annabel Lee* by Edgar Allan Poe
- *Still I Rise* by Maya Angelou
- *I Am!* by John Clare

White Pine: Allison Briggs

- *Barbara Frietchie* by John Greenleaf Whittier
- *Chicago* by Carl Sandburg
- *We Wear the Mask* by Paul Laurence Dunbar





Carson County

Lainey Henderson
Junior
Carson High School
Fred Perdomo, Principal

Lainey Henderson was born in Carson City and has always been attracted to theater; realizing at a young age that since her hometown lacks a certain activity and excitement, she must create her own entertainment from little more than dialogue and thin air. Lainey craves music, theater and literature of all sorts – reserving a special place in her heart (next to her boisterous friends and wonderful family) for listening to jazz music, singing in French and savoring her roles as Mary Helen Merriman in *I'm Sorry the Bridge is Out, You'll Have to Spend the Night*, Jack Frost in *The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus*, and *Rosencrantz in Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*. She is ecstatic at the opportunity to be a part of Poetry Out Loud this year and knows she will treasure the experience forever. Lainey thanks her coaches Tom Henderson, Karen Chandler and Tony Degeiso.



Churchill County

Andrew Perazzo
Senior
Churchill County High School
Robbin Pedrett, Principal

Andrew G. Perazzo is a seventeen year old senior. He has just been accepted into BYU, and is almost an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. He just completed directing the amazing play *The Foreigner* in his acting class. Andrew thanks his coaches Glen & Beth Perazzo, Gary Jamison and Ms. Villanueva.



Clark County

Benjamin Kisting
Senior
Shadow Ridge High School
Thomas Barberini, Principal

Benjamin Kisting was born in Salinas, California and moved to Las Vegas when he was three. He is involved in swimming and Varsity Quiz. He is very passionate about music and plays the clarinet, piano and bassoon. This year he served as Drum Major of the Shadow Ridge High School Mustang Marching Band. After graduation he plans to attend the University of Nevada, Reno. Ben thanks his coaches Claudia & Gavin Kisting, Ben Jorgensen and Katherine McShea.



Douglas County

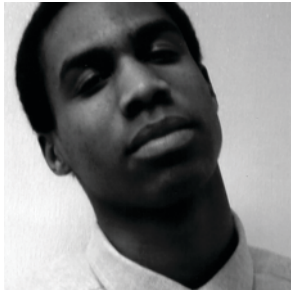
Jake Reid

Senior

Douglas High School

Marty Swisher, Principal

Jake's life has a superb cast, but he's still trying to figure out much of the main plot. He feels that Northern Nevada offers a terrific footing for kids like himself who are torn between life as an artist and as a nature enthusiast. Perhaps he'll be able to mingle those interests while studying Western classics at the great books school he's attending in the fall, St. John's College in New Mexico. St. John's agrees with Jake that you don't have to be a nerd to enjoy Melville and that it takes a lot more than blue hair to be different. Jake thanks his coaches James Scoggins, Bob & Carol Reid.



Elko County

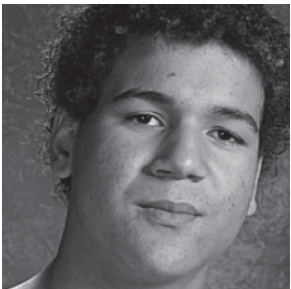
Talton Gay

Junior

Independence High/Nevada Youth Training Center

Clark Davidson, Principal

Talton Gay was born and raised in Los Angeles. He not only enjoys acting and performing poetry out loud, but also writing poetry and rap and performing rap. Talton's most immediate goal is to be the "Champ" at the Poetry Out Loud State Finals in Reno and to move onto Washington DC for the national finals. Talton thanks his coaches José Quintero, and Linell Bollacker.



Humboldt County

J'Mar Tarafa

Junior

Lowry High School

Debbie Watts, Principal

My name is J'Mar Tarafa. I am seventeen years old and live in Winnemucca, Nevada. My favorite things to do to pass the time are drawing, playing guitar and exercising. My favorite authors include Edgar Allan Poe and Kurt Vonnegut Jr. This is the second year I have won the Poetry Out Loud in my district, but last year I was unable to travel to Reno for state competition due to family reasons – family always comes first. I have an appreciation for fine arts and music – I sing in our school Men's Chorus – and I like to write poetry. J'Mar thanks his coaches Jeff Setser, Vicki Meissner, Keiryn Tarafa, Mike Graham, Stephanie Vandersypen, Dan Hopfer, and Eric Jacobson



Lander County

Rocio Lopez

Freshman

Battle Mountain High School

John Leone, Principal

Rocio Lopez is fifteen years old and was born in Tepatitlan de Morelos, Jalisco, Mexico. She moved to the United States when she was six months old. She enjoys playing sports and hanging out with her friends. Rocio is currently running track and finds it tiring. She loves poetry because it gets deep into her emotions. Poetry is also challenging for her. She has been told by others that she has a nice attitude and is very friendly. Rocio thinks that her family is really cool. Her parents are Alejandro Lopez, and Maria de Lourdes Lopez and she has three brothers and three sisters: Alejandro, Bernardo, Henry, Erika, Cristal, and Mirella. She loves her very big "happy family"! Rocio thanks her coach Jacqueline Lindsey and her entire family.



Lincoln County

Ben Baker

Senior

Lincoln County High School

Craig Babcock, Principal

Ben Baker is a senior at Lincoln County High School. He enjoys Drama, Show Choir and lunch. His favorite role was the Governor/Inn Keeper in *Man of La Mancha*. He also enjoyed playing Jacob in *Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat*. He would like to perform in professional theatre, be involved in movie making, and get a degree in Behavioral Analysis. He is looking forward to his spring performance as David the Reverend in *The Foreigner*. Ben thanks his coaches Elisha Baker and Pete Peterson.



Lyon County

Vanessa Murphy

Junior

Fernley High School

Dave Regalado, Principal

Vanessa Murphy has lived in Fernley since first grade. She dreams of someday becoming an environmental attorney or photojournalist for National Geographic Magazine. She is a very active member and officer of the Fernley High School Speech and Debate team. She also enjoys Harry Potter, photography, and climbing the giant tree in her backyard. Vanessa thanks her coaches Lynne Gervais, Robert Doty, and Brittany Blakely.



Mineral County

Dillon Oberhansli

Senior

Cedar Street Home School

Courtney Oberhansli, Principal

Dillon Oberhansli is a native Nevadan. At the age of ten, while watching Star Wars Episode I, he decided to become an actor. He has been on the Hawthorne Stingrays swim team for fourteen years and has been a lifeguard at the pool for three years. He started playing guitar a year ago and especially enjoys playing Green Day music. Dillon has dyslexia, which sometimes makes it difficult to read, so he prefers to memorize things. He has been told that he is uncommonly good at memorization. He plans to attend Savannah College of Art and Design, the college his older brother is currently enrolled in. Dillon hopes to major in acting and focus on film work. He recently taught a film seminar with his brothers at the local high school. Dillon and his brothers hope to eventually start a film studio. Dillon thanks his coach Courtney Oberhansli.



Nye County

Heather Gibeson

Junior

Pahrump Valley High School

Kent Roberts, Principal

Heather Gibeson is sixteen years old and was born in Fairbanks, Alaska. She moved to Pahrump from Las Vegas two years ago. Her love is definitely theatre. The stage is her home. Her favorite play is *The Matchmaker*. Right now she is acting in a murder mystery, put on by the Shadow Mountain Players, called *The Curse of the Cobra's Kiss*. She is playing the role of Claire Partridge who is Professor Tommy Towers, research assistant. In the future she plans on majoring in theatre education in college so she can become a Drama teacher. Heather thanks her coaches Deanna Stuits, Randy Jones, and Sierra Castro.



Pershing County

Lyssa Springer

Sophomore

Pershing County High School

Russell Fecht, Principal

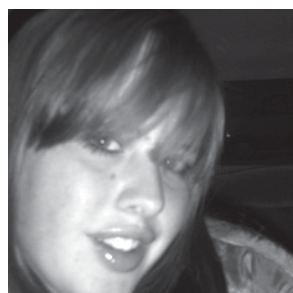
My name is Lyssa Springer. I'm sixteen, and a sophomore at Pershing County High School. I love to write poetry and fictional novels and short stories. I love to act and to be on the stage. My favorite thing to do in my free time is to read and spend time with my family and friends. Lyssa thanks her coaches Marsha, Mandy & Gary Springer, Julie Terry, Bill Snodgrass, Hayley Yenne, Brandon Lusardi, Josie Montes, and Kassy Phillips.



Storey County

Chelsey M. Becker
Junior
Virginia City High School
Patrick Beckwith, Principal

My name is Chelsey Becker, I am sixteen years old and have just moved back to the United States from England after five and a half years overseas. I am originally from California, and I have a passion for the arts and hope to follow through with it as a career in the future. Chelsey thanks her coaches Michelle Becker and Karen Kreyeski.



Washoe County

Andie Marken
Sophomore
Nevada Christian Home School
Alee Behymer-Smith, Principal

My name is Andie Marken and I am sixteen years old. I love to read and write poetry, play the piano, and listen to music. I enjoy being with friends, playing with my dog, and dancing in the rain. I am very blessed to be home schooled, because the arts are very profound in my studies. I have just started singing on the youth worship team at my church, and I hope to be in a Tahoe Players' play later this year. I hope that you enjoy my readings. Andie thanks her coaches Harry & Doreen Marken, Victoria Carter, Spencer Nevarez, Charlene Baker, Kiskae Jayde, Liza Artman, Natas & Jesus Zamora, Hazel Sanow, Ms. Alee & her family.



White Pine County

Allison Briggs
Junior
White Pine High School
Adam Young, Principal

I was born in a log cabin... no, just kidding, I was born in Las Vegas, Nevada (well actually I was born in Henderson, but it's the same thing). I am Vice President of White Pine High School's Drama Club, (White Pine Players) and I am hoping to become President this upcoming year. This is my second year at the State Poetry Out Loud Competition, and I am thrilled to be back. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity. Poetry rocks!" Allison thanks her coaches Malory Evers, Geordon Briggs and Kathy Tucker.

Erin Meehan Breen (judge) was born in New York, raised in Louisiana attended college at the University of Washington in Seattle. After working as a reporter/anchor and news director in Eureka, California she came to Reno in 1982 and has been a staple in Northern Nevada media – working commercial television, public affairs programming, political analysis and creating documentaries for public television. She is presently a member of the KTVN- Channel 2 New Team and writes an award-winning weekly column for the Reno Gazette Journal.

Utah's Poet Laureate **Katharine Coles** (judge) was appointed by Governor Jon Huntsman Jr. in 2006 to serve a five-year term and act as the state's leading public advocate for the literary arts. An associate professor of English at the University of Utah, Coles has published two novels and three collections of poetry. Her works have appeared in scores of anthologies, periodicals, and in numerous public arts projects. She is currently working on *Burnt Letters*, a nonfiction book about her grandfather, a petroleum geologist and explorer from 1926 until the early sixties, and her adventurous grandmother. This project has recently taken her up the Amazon and to Havana, Indonesia, and Singapore. Her most recent collection of poems, *Fault*, will be published by Red Hen Press in 2008.

Nancy Cummings (judge) - is a fourth generation Nevadan and the former Director of the Washoe County Library System. She is a graduate of UNLV, received her Masters Degree in Library Science from San Jose State University and served as a Peace Corp volunteer in the Philippines. Cummings was selected as a distinguished alumnus from the San Jose School of Information Science and received a Literacy Leadership Award from the Northern Nevada Literacy Council. She serves as the Chairperson for the Northern Nevada Reads, "NEA Big Read Project" and the Truckee Meadows Literate Community Project. She is a board member of United Way and Sierra Arts and is also a member of Truckee Meadows Tomorrow. Cummings is the past Government Relations Chair for the Nevada Library Association and the past Public Library/Trustees Division Chair of the American Library Association.

Jill Derby (judge) recently completed 18 years on the Nevada Board of Regents where she worked to advance educational opportunity and quality, and enhance diversity in Nevada's colleges and universities. A native of Lovelock and now a resident of Minden, Nevada, Derby is a cultural anthropologist by training and background. After living for three years in the Middle East early in her career, Derby returned to earn a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology with a focus on Middle Eastern cultures from the University of California, Davis. A frequent speaker on topics of international and cross-cultural affairs and educational issues, Derby is an educational and governance consultant for the Washington D.C. based Association of Governing Boards.

Geralda Miller (judge) has been a reporter at the Reno Gazette-Journal since 2002. Geralda first worked for The Associated Press after earning a degree in journalism in 1997 from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. As a sibling in a military family, Miller lived in many U.S. cities, on the Pacific island of Guam, and attended high school in Athens, Greece. Her global explorations continued as an adult in her careers. She traveled the world while working 16 years as a fashion buyer and product developer for retail stores. In her own consulting business, Miller advised companies how to target minority consumers. She was part of a team for the World Bank who drafted a document titled "Africa Can Compete II." She also counseled Ghanaian fashion designers and manufacturers on exporting to the U.S. Miller is presently completing a master's in history at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Steven Nightingale (judge) is the author of two novels, *The Lost Coast* and *Thirteenth Daughter of the Moon*; and three books of sonnets, *Cartwheels*, *The Planetary Tambourine*, and *Cinnamon Theologies*. He has also written a column for the Reno Gazette-Journal on his favorite books of various centuries, taught by invitation in public schools and a juvenile prison, and has given talks on Emily Dickinson, Idries Shah, Boccaccio, and Medieval Spain, in addition to the wild, digressive readings of his own work. A native Nevadan, Steven lived until recently in southern Spain, in a 1000-year old barrio in Granada. Now he is back on the loose in his home state and in Northern California, and writing sonnets uncontrollably. His newest collection of sonnets will be released by Black Rock Press in early 2008.

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.

Gary B. Sessa (judge) is the Project Facilitator for Theatre and Dance for the Clark County School District. A 14 year teacher, Gary has a B.A. in Theatre as well as a Master's, both from UNLV. As a high school teacher, Gary also served as Curriculum Task Force Chair where he worked to update and create new courses for the growing CCSD theatre program. He has performed on stage, television, and film, as well as having directed more than 25 middle school, high school and community theatre productions.

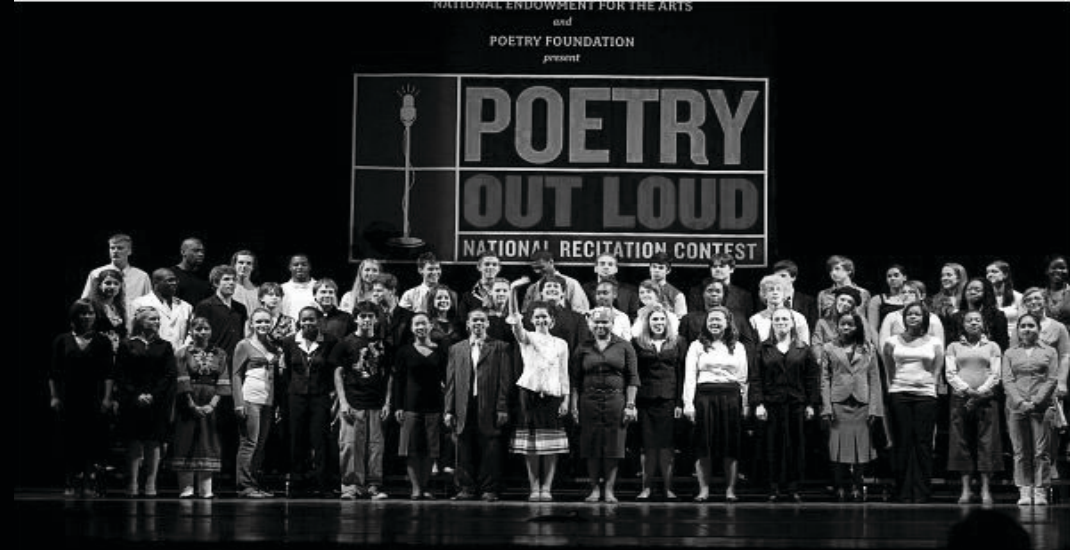


What is Poetry Out Loud?

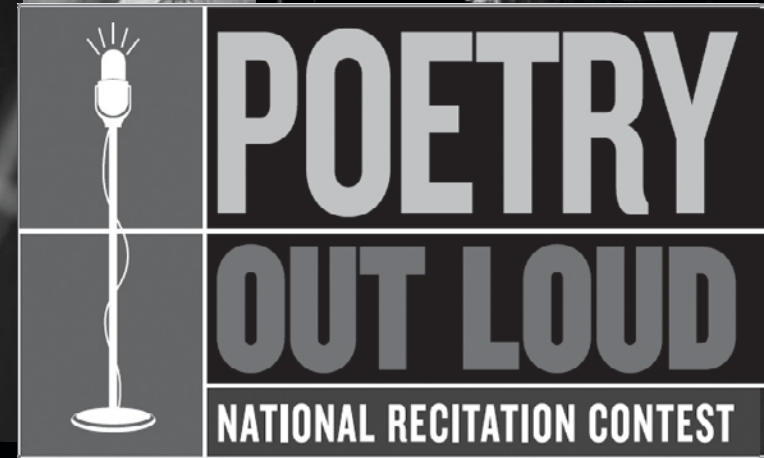
The Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest, created by the National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation seeks to foster the next generation of literary readers by capitalizing on the latest trends in poetry - recitation and performance. The program builds on the resurgence of poetry 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 J.W. Marriott Hotel on Sunday, April 27, with the National Semifinals to be held on April 28 and the Finals on April 29 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 April 29.

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 there are fifteen of the sixteen school districts in Nevada with a high school participating representing thirty schools, thirty-eight teachers and numerous students, family members, friends and coaches.



Photos of 2007 Participants Courtesy of Bob Reid



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Coordinator: Karen Chandler
School: Carson High School
Principal: Fred Perdomo
Teachers: Karen Chandler, Phillip Brady
Others: Susan Sonnemaker, Cameron Dain, Betty Foerster, Teresa Breeden, Marissa Morrow, Bob Chambers, Jennifer Tartan, Tony DeGeiso, Lois Brady-Long, Robert Priest, Darlene Amarie-Hahn, Krista Benjamin

Churchill County

Coordinator: Jaime Holladay
School: Churchill County High School
Principal: Robbin Pedrett
Teacher: Jaime Holladay
Others: Myke Nelson, Amy Weldon, Vicki Kieckbusch, Grace Ernst, Myke Nelson, Jeanne Stone, Jane Anderson, Mary Kroll, Newell Mills

Clark County

Coordinator: Judy Myers, Clark County School-Community Partnership Program
Schools: Bishop Gorman High School, Centennial High School, CSN High School West, Desert Pines High School, Green Valley High School, New Horizon Academy, NWCTA, SECTA, Shadow Ridge High School, Sierra Vista High School
Teachers: Christine Ramos, Barbara Hansen, Serrin Anderson, Jayme Rawson, Amy Furmanek, Allyn Markert, Dr. Rosemary Smith, Shaun Ingalls, Ben Jorgensen, Linda Rickey
Principals: Dr. Paul Sullivan, Trent Day, Dennis Birr, Timothy Stevens, Jeffery Horn, Roger Gehring, Frank Pesce, Richard Arguello, Thomas Barberini, Emil Wozniak
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Douglas County

Coordinator: James Scoggins
School: Douglas High School
Principal: Marty Swisher
Teacher: James Scoggins
Others: Dr. Phyllis Bateman, Mr. Larry Lipmann, Samantha Cobb, Megan Neilon, Marty Swisher, Carol Lark

Elko County

Coordinator: José Quintero
Schools: Carlin Combined, Spring Creek High School, Independence High
Principals: Norm Mahlberg, Betty Fobes, Clark Davidson
Teachers: Julie Lewis, Jose' Quintero, Melissa Coffin
Others: Dr. Paul Killpatrick, Mr. John Rice, Karen Taufer

Humboldt County

Coordinator: Vicki Meissner
School: Lowry High School
Principal: Debbie Watts
Teachers: Vicki Meissner, Renee Hill

Lander County

Coordinator: Jacqueline Lindsey
School: Battle Mountain High School
Principal: John Leone
Teachers: Jacqueline Lindsey

Lincoln County

Coordinator: Pete Peterson

School: Lincoln County High School

Principal: Dr. Craig Babcock

Teacher: Pete Peterson

Others: Linda Butler, Sherrin McHenry, Dr. Craig Babcock, Rick Hardy

Lyon County

Coordinator: Lynne Gervais

School: Fernley High School

Principal: Dave Regalado

Teachers: Lynne Gervais, Amanda Aldridge

Others: Amanda Aldridge, Veronica Pineda, Fran Ghiringhelli, Teresa McCallum, Deanna Peters, Sheldon Durr, Pat Spracklin, Paul Theiss, Sonja Gates, Leo Gervais

Mineral County

Coordinator: Bea Whitney

Schools: Cedar Street Home School, Mineral County High School

Principals: Donald Aschinger, Courtney Oberhansli

Teachers: Courtney Oberhansli, Shar Murphy, Kim Richmond, Ty Cobb, Anna Braithwaite, Mary Petrere

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Nye County

Coordinator: Deanna Stuits

School: Pahrump Valley High School

Principal: Kent Roberts

Teacher: Deanna Stuits

Pershing County

Coordinator: Julie Terry

School: Pershing County High School

Principal: Russell Fecht

Teacher: Julie Terry

Others: James Morgan, Lance & Sandy Condie, Shari Shirley, Pam Weeldryer, Bill Snodgrass, Mr. Fox

Storey County

Coordinator: Karen Kreyeski

School: Virginia City

Principal: Patrick Beckwith

Teacher: Karen Kreyeski

Washoe County

Coordinator: Iain Watson

Schools: Galena High School, Nevada Christian Home School, Spanish Springs High School, Coral Academy High School

Principal: Thomas Brown

Teachers: Francine Gray, Karen Spracklin, Brenda Kiriluk, Deborah Reed, Alee Behymer-Smith, Thomas Smith

Others: Heather Miley, Nancy Cummings, Daniel Riggs, Stacey Spain, McKinley Arts and Cultural Center

White Pine County

Coordinator: Kelly Sturgeon

School: White Pine High School

Principal: Adam Young

Teacher: Kelly Sturgeon



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