

# 2022 nevada poetry out loud



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# welcome

On behalf of the Nevada Arts Council, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 17th annual Nevada Poetry Out Loud Competition State Finals. Thank you for joining us in celebration of our four finalists. This is truly an exciting time in their lives!

Poetry Out Loud celebrates the human condition through the power of the spoken word. These young people are mastering the skill of speaking in public, and we as listeners are reaping an appreciation of their hard work as they move poetry from the printed page to the *virtual* stage. Their medium is words. Their tool is public speaking tempered by self-confidence. Their message is a portrayal of who we are. The words they speak can be powerful, sincere, poignant, emotion-laden, painful, inspiring, nostalgic, beautiful and much, much more, all of which are descriptors of the human condition.

*Jerry Schefcik*  
NAC BOARD CHAIR

We recognize that the students competing today are not alone in their efforts. It is through the continued encouragement of supportive families, dedicated teachers, participating schools, and our statewide team of coordinators who assist in the regional competitions that they have arrived at this stage. This is how Nevada is able to produce far-reaching programs like Poetry Out Loud.

The Nevada Arts Council is proud that Poetry Out Loud has become an integral element of arts learning for Nevada's youth. On behalf of the Nevada Arts Council Board, we express our sincere gratitude to the many individuals, organizations and partners that made this event possible: the National Endowment for the Arts, the Poetry Foundation, the Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, and the Nevada Department of Education. It is because of their understanding of the impact of strong and meaningful arts education projects, as well as their significant contributions and collaborations, that help to make this program the success that it is.

I also thank Nevada Arts Council Executive Director, Tony Manfredi, Arts Learning Specialist Maryjane Dorofachuk, the agency's dedicated staff, as well as my fellow Board members for their combined commitment and belief that lifelong learning in the arts benefits all Nevadans.

To each finalist, I speak on behalf of the Nevada Arts Council Board and staff when I offer an enthusiastic *congratulations!* We realize the dedication and persistence it took to get you where you are in the face of the unprecedented challenges we are dealing with today. All of us at the Nevada Arts Council acknowledge and thank you, your families and your teachers for the inspiration and hope of a brighter future you share with us today.

Thank you.

*Jerry Schefcik*



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Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs  
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Poetry Foundation

Proudly presents

**2022**

*nevada poetry out loud state finals*

**VIRTUAL COMPETITION AND PRESENTATION**

March 8, 2022, 5 pm

Featuring the 2022 Nevada Poetry Out Loud Finalists:

Grace Hwang, Clark County  
Aubree Doll, Lyon County  
Anastasia Chevalier, Storey County  
Eakjot Sekhon, Washoe County

*be brave*



## 2022 NEVADA POETRY OUT LOUD PROGRAM

The literary arts have always been a figure in the western landscape, so it is no surprise that the Nevada Poetry Out Loud Program continues to generate enthusiasm and excitement.

Due to the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, we conducted the competition virtually, as we did the past two years. Students submitted their recitations virtually. The judges judged the poems virtually and we had our state champion revealed on March 8. Although our participation numbers are not the same as in years past, dedicated students and teachers moved the program forward resulting in the presentation of poems by four state semi-finalists. It's been another year of uncertainty and because of that we are grateful for all the students and teachers that found the time and desire to turn to poetry and make it a part of their lives.

### A POEM IS A FRIEND FOR LIFE

Poetry Out Loud is a distinctive arts education initiative that begins in communities throughout the state. High school-aged students in public, private, charter and home schools master public-speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage through the memorization and recitation of classic and contemporary poetry.

By making the words of great poets literally come to life, semi-finalists advance from school and district competitions to compete at the Nevada State Finals where the stakes are high. The Nevada POL State Champion will compete for \$50,000 in scholarships and school stipends at the National Finals.

### 2022 POETRY OUT LOUD NATIONAL FINALS

The 2022 POL National Finals will be held virtually in lieu of holding them on-site in Washington D.C. as previously planned. The 2022 POL National Semifinals will take place on Sunday, May 1st and the 2022 POL National Finals will take place on Sunday, June 5th. Both will be video submission-based competitions and will be streamed on arts.gov.

## nevada poetry out loud

CELEBRATING ITS 17TH YEAR

*We have not wings, we cannot soar;  
But we have feet to scale and climb  
By slow degrees, by more and more,  
The cloudy summits of our time.*

FROM THE LADDER OF ST AUGUSTINE  
BY HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW



*"Poetry Out Loud has been a journey that I am so glad was a part of my high school experience. I am grateful to be considered a part of the arts community and I hope more young people continue to be involved in the future. Poetry Out Loud is something I will never forget and will always hold close to my heart."*

*Eakjot Kaur Sethon*

2022 NEVADA POL STATE CHAMPION

# poems + poets

For the Nevada State Finals, each student is required to prepare three poems for recitations that have been selected from an anthology prepared by the National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation. The poems are listed below in the order in which they will recite them. One poem must be 25 lines or shorter and one must be written before the 20th century. The same poem may be used to meet both criteria.

**Clark** ✦ **Grace Hwang**

*The American Soldier* by Philip Freneau

*The Light of Stars* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*The Soldier* by Rupert Brooke

**Lyon** ✦ **Aubree Doll**

*Carnival* by Rebecca Lindenberg

*The Children's Hour* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*At Noon* by Reginald Gibbons

**Storey** ✦ **Anastasia Chevalier**

*The Coming of the Plague* by Weldon Kees

*Full Moon* by Elinor Wylie

*To Helen* by Edgar Allan Poe

**Washoe** ✦ **Eakjot Sekhon**

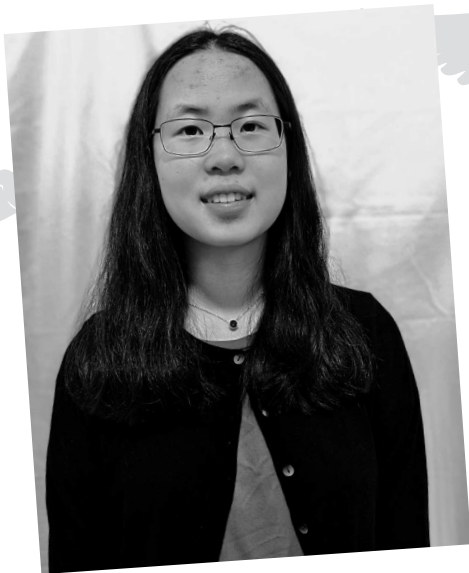
*If They Should Come For Us* by Fatimah Asghar

*"Where did the handsome beloved go?"* by Jalal al-Din Rumi

*To have without holding* by Marge Piercy

# be fearless

# finalists



## CLARK COUNTY

*grace hwang*

*Junior*

**Ed W. Clark High School**  
**Kerry Larnerd, Principal**

Grace Hwang is a junior in the AMSAT program at Clark High School and an editor of the school newspaper. She has been reciting poetry since she was very little and takes great pleasure in exploring the nuanced meaning of each poem. She is also a creative writer with a passion for world-building and gained inspiration from attending the Summer Creative Writing Intensive at the Idyllwild Arts Academy. In addition, Grace is a Command Performance flutist in the Nevada All-State Band and a classical pianist. She also enjoys reading novels, especially the works of J. R. R. Tolkien. She should like to thank her teachers, Robin Brown, Carrie Teller and Ashley Nebe, her brother, Samuel Hwang, her father, Andrew Hwang and her mother, Margaret Hwang.



## LYON COUNTY

*aubree doll*

*Freshman*

**Yerington High School**  
**DeSoto Dickson, Principal**

Aubree Doll is a freshman at Yerington High School. She is currently in Yerington High School's band and has participated in choir in the past. She is an English honor student and enjoys writing stories. Aubree was thrilled to be able to get the chance to participate in Poetry Out Loud. She grew up with poetry and feels it's a part of her childhood. Aubree plays the piano, and it is one of her many roles as a percussionist in her high school band. Her dream is to be an animator in order to get her name out there. She loves drawing, painting, and music. She is thankful for Amanda Aldridge, her English teacher, her mother Dana Fenili-Doll, her father Thomas Doll, her advisory teacher, Royce Aldridge and a special thank you to her grandmother, Suzan Doll, for being a poet and getting her started on this adventurous path.

# finalists



## STOREY COUNTY

### anastasia chevalier

*Senior*

**Virginia City High School**

**Shawn-Marie Lumos, Principal**

Anastasia Chevalier is transforming the way women are leaders. Anastasia strives for academic excellence as a member of the Honor Society at both her high school and community college. With a proven track record in physical fitness, Anastasia is a Second-Degree Black Belt in Jeet Kune Do, a first degree in Taekwondo, and practices Jujitsu Kickboxing. She is a youth mentor, building confidence and eliminating bullying. Anastasia is in the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corp as Petty Officer First Class, and she is earning her biliteracy seal in Russian. Anastasia thanks her parents, Kevin and Ambre Chevalier, her English Professor, Mr. Karl Watts, and her friends for ceaselessly listening to her recite her poems.



## WASHOE COUNTY

### eakjot sekhon

*Senior*

**Robert McQueen High School**

**Amy Marable, Principal**

This is Eakjot Sekhon's third year participating in Poetry Out Loud. For her, it is bittersweet for this is the last time she can participate due to being a senior in high school. Poetry Out Loud has transformed her from the shy, doubtful girl in the front of the class to the confident and poised person she is today. A few things about Eakjot are that she loves to watch movies, play lacrosse for her high school, reading in her free time and tries to learn something new every moment she can get. She thanks the arts community and is grateful for this experience.



# judges

## binnie tate wilkin

Bonnie Tate Wilken is a Professional Storyteller and has resided in Las Vegas, Nevada for seventeen years. Throughout her career, storytelling was her forte. Currently, she is exploring poetry writing while participating in the local *Poetry Promise* group. One of her poems was selected for the UNLV Donna Beam Gallery's virtual *JUSTICE* exhibit. As a Children's Specialist for the Los Angeles City library, Ms. Wilkin was applauded for creative use of movement and dance with stories. She taught storytelling in library schools at major universities including Columbia University and the University of California at Los Angeles and Berkeley. In October 2019, Wilkin was installed in the California Library Association's *California Library Hall of Fame*. She was the official storyteller for the Neon Museum's "My Las Vegas" program reaching 5000 students throughout the Las Vegas Valley. In the same year, her article, *In the Land of Neen* appeared in *Humanities Heart to Heart* published online by *Nevada Humanities*. The National Storytelling Network honored Wilkin with an *Oracle Award for Regional Excellence in Storytelling* in 2021 and in June she presented a virtual *JUNETEENTH* program for the Los Angeles County Library, fulfilling a standing invitation existing more than twenty years. Her program consisted of all original stories and poetry. Wilkin's professional publications are with Roman and Littlefield/Scarecrow Press.

## joanne mallari

Joanne Mallari is a Reno-based, Filipino-American poet. When she started writing poems in sixth grade, her language arts teacher connected her with a program called the Southern Nevada Writing Project. Each participant was featured in a print anthology, and when she saw her work in the table of contents, she embraced writing as her voice to the world. Today, Joanne brings her love of language to the classroom. She has served as a teaching artist for Teen Empowerment, a program sponsored by Sierra Arts Foundation. In 2020, she joined the English department faculty at the University of Nevada, Reno, where she teaches courses in first-year composition and creative writing. Her debut chapbook, *Daughter Tongue*, was published by Kelsay Books. As a teacher and an artist, Joanne believes in creating space for the parts of ourselves and our history that have been denied, lost, hidden, or forgotten.

## josh webster

Josh Webster is a professor, fiction writer and playwright currently living in Pahrump, NV. He grew up in Jackson, MI and received an M.A. in English with an emphasis in creative writing from Wayne State University and a PhD in English with an emphasis in creative writing from The Center for Writers at The University of Southern Mississippi. After serving as a lecturer at North Dakota State University in Fargo (yes, the wood chipper is in the visitor center), he has since worked as an English Professor at Great Basin College in first Elko and then Pahrump where he teaches composition, creative writing, literature and film courses. When he isn't teaching or writing, Josh reads and collects far too many comics, listens to and collects too many records and plays and collects too many board games. His current goal is to watch all the films in The Criterion Collection and if he could be any animal, he would choose red panda.





## *gailmarie pahmeier*

**Nevada State Poet Laureate**

The poet Billy Collins has written that “poetry tells the story of the human heart,” so it is essentially the language of human experience. We come to poetry so that we can inhabit our own lives more fully and more fully inhabit the larger world in which we live those lives. Committing a poem to memory is an act of agency and engagement; when someone memorizes a poem, they make it part of their very marrow, they make it wholly their own. What I find most exciting about the Poetry Out Loud program of the Nevada Arts Council is that we in the audience are blessed with the presence of outstanding Nevada students, and those students make poetry as vital as air when they recite work that matters to them.

## *driving the gone dog across nevada*

**By Gailmarie Pahmeier**

*Everyone who’s ever loved a dog knows  
you get one great dog. The rest are good dogs.  
We have good dogs now, a quick-witted pit  
and a silly-sweet Jack and Labrador mix.  
But the great dog is dead. For seven years  
his bone bits and ash filled an old paint can  
atop the washing machine. Where would he rest?*

*Our simple plan—the old truck and a secondhand  
trailer, the dog in his can snug behind the seat.  
We’d leave pinches of him at nearly every stop,  
know where to find him if we needed to,  
know that we’d left him to guard whatever  
needed guarding—wild horses, turkeys,  
owls, deer, the young woman alone,  
the old man with the veteran’s pass,  
the family on the way to somewhere new,  
somewhere better, somewhere with work.*

*I know what you’re thinking, that everyone  
who’s ever loved a dog has a story,  
a wholly sentimental one that may  
likely include a road trip, grilled meats,  
a car, a truck, a camper, some stars, a moon.  
And you’d be right—what we love most remains  
communal, as common as a kiss.*

SOURCE: *OF BONE, OF ASH, OF ORDINARY SAINTS: A NEVADA GOSPEL*  
(WSC PRESS, 2020).

# acknowledgments



Congratulations to all the students who competed at the school and district levels, and many thanks to their parents, families and friends. We are indebted to the enthusiastic support of and participation by the teachers, coaches, principals, and superintendents involved with Nevada's 2022 Poetry Out Loud Competition. We know that the list below may be missing others, and we thank you as well.

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**Teachers and Schools:** Ana Urena (Advanced Technologies Academy), Daren Stewart (East Career and Technical Academy), Dana Perich (Explore Knowledge Academy), Carrie Teller (Ed W Clark High School), Kelley Sultan (Del Sol Academy of the Performing Arts)

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**Coordinator:** Meggan Voth, Elko High School

**Teachers and Schools:** Meggan Voth (Elko High School), Jeanine Hoskins (Elko High School), Maren Miller (Elko High School)

### LYON COUNTY

**Coordinator:** Amanda Aldridge, Yerington High School

**Teacher and School:** Amanda Aldridge (Yerington High School), Gary Stone (Dayton High School), Jamie Scherer (Dayton High School)

### STOREY COUNTY

**Coordinator:** Karl Watts, Virginia City High School

**Teacher and School:** Karl Watts (Virginia City High School)

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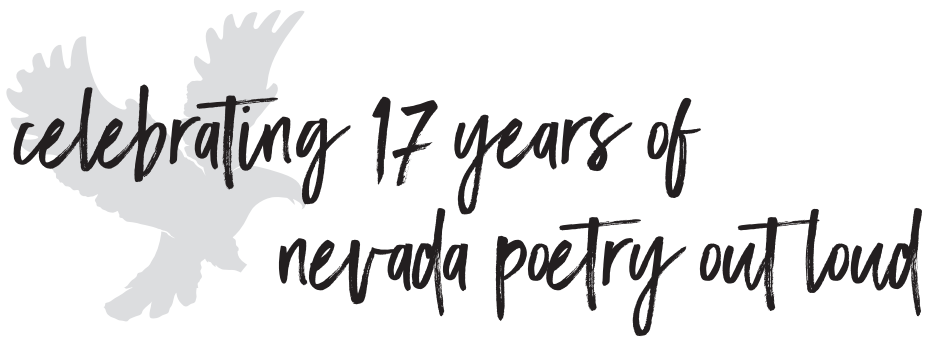
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# celebrating 17 years of nevada poetry out loud

## 2021

**1st Place** — Eakjot Sekhon  
Robert McQueen High School/Washoe County  
**2nd Place** — Anastasia Chevalier  
Virginia City High School/Storey County  
**3rd Place** — Allyson Adamsen  
Doral Academy Red Rock/Clark County

## 2020

**1st Place** — Eakjot Sekhon  
Robert McQueen High School/Washoe County  
**2nd Place** — Anastasia Chevalier  
Virginia City High School/Storey County  
**3rd Place** — Lara Cassity  
Douglas High School/Douglas County

## 2019

**1st Place** — Vanessa Aponte  
Legacy High School/Clark County  
**2nd Place** — Noemi Valdez  
Sparks High School/Washoe County  
**3rd Place** — Mikayla De Guzman  
Elko High School/Elko County

## 2018

**1st Place** — Grey Hunt  
Yerington High School/Lyon County  
**2nd Place** — Mikayla De Guzman  
Elko High School/Elko County  
**3rd Place** — Sandra Luevano  
East Career Technical Academy/  
Clark County

## 2017

**1st Place** — Grey Hunt  
Yerington High School/Lyon County  
**2nd Place** — Cache Black  
Elko High School/Elko County  
**3rd Place** — Lea Gifford  
Douglas County High School/  
Douglas County

## 2016

**1st Place** — Mikayla Bates  
Elko High School/Elko County  
**2nd Place** — Grey Hunt  
Yerington High School/Lyon County  
**3rd Place** — Vanessa Blackwell  
Douglas County High School/  
Douglas County

## 2015

**1st Place** — Dominique Groffman  
Douglas County High School/  
Douglas County  
**2nd Place** — Dylan Baker  
College of Southern Nevada/  
Clark County  
**3rd Place** — Whitney Reyes  
Wooster High School/Washoe County

## 2014

**1st Place** — Christian Schunke  
Yerington High School/Lyon County  
**2nd Place** — Princess Jackson  
Green Valley High School/Clark County  
**3rd Place** — Mikayla Bates  
Elko High School/Elko County

## 2013

**1st Place** — Graciela Maya-Joseph  
Owyhee High School/Elko County  
**2nd Place** — Jennifer Simon  
Pahrump Valley High School/Nye County  
**3rd Place** — Ralston Pedersen  
Yerington High School/Lyon County

## 2012

**1st Place** — Mandy Titolo  
College of Southern Nevada/  
Clark County  
**2nd Place** — Graciela Maya-Joseph  
Owyhee High School/Elko County  
**3rd Place** — Jennifer Simon  
Pahrump Valley High School/  
Nye County

## 2011

**1st Place** — Emily Orellana  
Rainshadow Community Charter High  
School/ Washoe County  
**2nd Place** — Sarah Jamieson  
Churchill High School/ Churchill County  
**3rd Place** — Dani Cabot  
College of Southern Nevada/  
Clark County

## 2010

**1st Place** — Emily Orellana  
Rainshadow Community Charter High  
School/Washoe County  
**2nd Place** — Stephanie Kulla  
Carson City High School/Carson City  
**3rd Place** — Erika Marchesini  
Pershing County High School/  
Pershing County

## 2009

**1st Place** — Emily Orellana  
Rainshadow Community Charter High  
School/Washoe County  
**2nd Place** — Jaitee Pitts  
Pahrump Valley High School/Nye County  
**3rd Place** — Stephanie Kulla  
Carson City High School/Carson City

## 2008

**1st Place** — Lainey Henderson  
Carson City High School/Carson City  
**2nd Place** — Talton Gay  
Independence High School/Elko County  
**3rd Place** — Heather Gibeson  
Pahrump Valley High School/Nye County

## 2007

**1st Place** — Jake Reid  
Douglas County High School/  
Douglas County  
**2nd Place** — Lainey Henderson  
Carson City High School/Carson City  
**3rd Place** — Geoffrey McFarland  
Galena High School/Washoe County

## 2006

**1st Place** — Gibran Baydoun  
Green Valley High School/Clark County  
**2nd Place** — Jacob Behymer-Smith  
Coral Academy/Washoe County  
**3rd Place** — Alicia Freeman  
Carson City High School/Carson City



# 2022 nevada poetry out loud state final competition

MARCH 8, 2022



**State Champion**

*Eakjot Sekhon*

SENIOR | Robert McQueen High School



**2nd Place**

*Anastasia Chevalier*

SENIOR | Virginia City High School



**3rd Place**

*Grace Hwang*

JUNIOR | Ed. W. Clark High School

*be yourself*



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*building a community for arts education*

Arts and creativity strengthen education. They set young people up for success, close the achievement gap and improve test scores. Arts and creativity spark human potential, promoting cognitive development and readiness to learn at every age, they develop an innovative, globally competitive workforce by adding the key ingredient of creativity to STEAM education, and art therapies help to forestall Alzheimer’s and promote lifelong brain health.

The Arts Learning Program from the Nevada Arts Council provides funding, resources, and programs; and engages in statewide initiatives to promote learning in, through and about the arts.

# 75%

believe the arts  
help students perform  
better academically

# 92%

believe it is important for  
K-12 students to receive  
education in the arts

# 62%

believe that the arts are  
part of a well-rounded  
education

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*strengthening the lives of all Nevadans*

## PUBLIC PURPOSE

Celebrating 55 years of service, the Nevada Arts Council was established as a state agency in 1967 to strengthen the creative life of the state through leadership, financial, and program support that creates opportunities for artists and arts organizations. The Nevada Arts Council ensures that every Nevada community receives the cultural, civic, economic, and educational benefits of the arts.

Arts and Creativity are the backbone of innovation and prosperity. They create thriving people and places throughout Nevada. They are an economic and tourism driver. They improve health outcomes around anxiety, depression, and addiction. They enhance success in our student's educational performance by closing the achievement gap through the key ingredient of STEAM.

The Nevada Arts Council is one of America's 56 state and jurisdictional arts agencies serving Nevada's metropolitan and rural communities, enlivening its public spaces, sparking economic growth, promoting health and healing, driving educational success, and fostering inclusion, equity and accessibility.

The Nevada Arts Council, a division of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, receives funding from the State of Nevada, the National Endowment for the Arts, and other private sources.



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PROVIDE MEANING TO THEIR LIVES  
AND MAKE THEIR COMMUNITIES  
BETTER PLACES TO LIVE.**

**75%**

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**believe that creativity  
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healthcare experience.**

Source: Americans Speak Out About The Arts in 2018 Ipsos Public Affairs Survey on behalf of Americans for the Arts

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## nevada arts council

Established as a state agency in 1967, the Nevada Arts Council is charged with ensuring that state and national funds support cultural activity and encourage participation in the arts throughout Nevada. In addition to providing hundreds of grants to arts and community-based organizations, schools, artists and local municipalities throughout the state, the Nevada Arts Council (NAC) designs and coordinates a variety of statewide programs and activities such as traveling exhibits, artist residencies, workshops and cultural assessments to serve the state's rural and urban communities. A division of the Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, NAC is funded by the Nevada State Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts and other private sources.

## national endowment for the arts

Congress established the National Endowment for the Arts in 1965 as an independent agency of the federal government. To date, the NEA has awarded more than \$4 billion to support artistic excellence, creativity, and innovation for the benefit of individuals and communities. The NEA extends its work through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector.

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