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2022 NEW YORK STATE FINALS
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Asari Beale
Executive Director, Teachers & Writers Collaborative

Opening Remarks
Christine Leahy
Arts Program Director, New York State Council on the Arts

Justine Haka
Program Manager, Poetry Foundation

Judges
Juliet Lubwama
2017 Northeast National Student Poet; Creative Young Leaders Alliance, The Aspen Institute

Maria Lisella
Co-Curator, Italian American Writers Association; NY Culture Editor, The Jerusalem Post; 6th Queens Poet Laureate

David Barclay Moore
Author of The Stars Beneath Our Feet, winner of the Coretta Scott King / John Steptoe Award for New Talent.

Amanda Volel
Poet and Educator
2022 Poetry Out Loud New York State Finalists

Each student will recite poems in three rounds of performances. Poems are listed in the order in which students will recite them.

Lance Anthony, White Plains High School
“Time does not bring relief; you all have lied” by Edna St. Vincent Millay
A Poem in which I Try to Express My Glee at the Music My Friend Has Given Me by Ross Gay
“Where did the handsome beloved go?” by Jalal al-Din Rumi

Sakura Barthelemy, Robert F. Kennedy Community High School
I, Too by Langston Hughes
Frederick Douglass by Robert Hayden
Epitaph by Katherine Philips

Brenna Camacho, Wellington C. Mepham High School
The Kiss by Robert Graves
The Wish, By a Young Lady by Laetitia Pilkington
Stomp by Nikki Grimes

Jasmine Chen, Syosset High School
As Kingfishers Catch Fire by Gerard Manley Hopkins
The Legend by Garrett Hongo
Sheltered Garden by H.D.

Sofia Corts, Bethlehem Central High School
Two Guitars by Victor Hernández Cruz
Self-Portrait by Robert Creeley
Momma Said by Calvin Forbes

Alexander Fung, Manlius Pebble Hill School
The Universe as Primal Scream by Tracy K. Smith
The Maldive Shark by Herman Melville
In Praise of Pain by Heather McHugh

Madison Grady, Jericho High School
The Spirit Is Too Blunt an Instrument by Anne Stevenson
Spanglish by Tato Laviera
The Seekers of Lice by Arthur Rimbaud

Julianne Joseph, Memorial Junior High School
How Dark the Beginning by Maggie Smith
Respectability by Tina Boyer Brown
Invisible Children by Mariana Llanos

Lia Laurita, Herricks High School
A Poison Tree by William Blake
Lineage by Margaret Walker
Whenever you see a tree by Padma Venkatraman

Amber Martinez, William Floyd High School
If We Must Die by Claude McKay
Mansplaining by Jennifer Militello
An Apology For Her Poetry by Duchess of Newcastle Margaret Cavendish

Emily Monfort, Valley Stream Central High School
If We Must Die by Claude McKay
God’s Grandeur by Gerard Manley Hopkins
Gulf Memo by Stephen Sandy

Elizabeth Piper, Whitesboro High School
Traveling through the Dark by William E. Stafford
Friendship After Love by Ella Wheeler-Wilcox
Tamer and Hawk by Thom Gunn

Mckenna Schneider, Jamestown High School
Emily Dickinson at the Poetry Slam by Dan Vera
The Lake Isle of Innisfree by William Butler Yeats
Eagle Poem by Joy Harjo

Emily Wang, Horace Mann School
The Cave by Paul Tran
The Bookshelf of the God of Infinite Space by Jeffrey Skinner
Confessions by Robert Browning

Pamela White, Bethlehem Central High School
Candles by Carl Dennis
Oranges by Roisin Kelly
In a London Drawingroom by George Eliot

Ariel Yarmus, Cornwall Central High School
One Girl by Sappho
Least Concern by John Shoptaw
My partner wants me to write them a poem about Sheryl Crow by Kayaleb Rae Candrilli
Poetry Out Loud is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation. In New York State, Poetry Out Loud is presented in partnership with the New York State Council on the Arts and Teachers & Writers Collaborative. Poetry Out Loud is a national program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry - both classic contemporary - through memorization, performance, and competition. Since the program began in 2005, more than four million students across the country have participated in Poetry Out Loud.

Students participating in the 2022 Poetry Out Loud New York State Final are the winners from 7 regional competitions that took place throughout the state. The New York State champion will join students from across the country to compete for more than $50,000 in awards, including $20,000 for the national champion.

Special thanks to our partners who helped coordinate the 2022 Poetry Out Loud competitions in New York:

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