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**OUT
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OHIO 2021

STATE FINALS

Friday, March 5 @ 6 p.m

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VIRTUAL SWEET 16: DETERMINATION ON DISPLAY

Agenda

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Welcome

Chiquita Mullins Lee, arts learning coordinator, Ohio Arts Council

Recognition of State Finalists

Recognition of Teachers

Remarks

Donna S. Collins, executive director, Ohio Arts Council

Emcee

Former State Senator Eric H. Kearney

Recitations – Round One

All contestants recite their first poem

SHORT BREAK

Recitations – Round Two

All contestants recite their second poem

Introduction of Guest Poet

Kari Gunter-Seymour, Ohio Poet Laureate

Presentation of Certificates

Final Round

All contestants recite their third poem

Guest Poet Second Recitation

Kari Gunter-Seymour, Ohio Poet Laureate

Announcement of State Finals Winner

Thank You

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Cuyahoga County Library

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regional coordinator

Kisha Nicole Foster, *POL* regional coordinator

CENTRAL/COLUMBUS

Wild Goose Creative

Lydia Simon, executive director
and *POL* regional coordinator

SOUTHEAST/NELSONVILLE

Stuart's Opera House

Melissa Wales, executive director

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Wendy McVicker, arts education
committee member

SOUTHWEST/CINCINNATI

Elementz

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Piqua Arts Council

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Heather Clow, executive director

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ABOUT OUR EMCEE

Former State Senator Eric H. Kearney of Cincinnati (9th district) served in the Ohio Senate from 2005 until 2015. Kearney was the sponsor of Senate Bill 84, establishing the position of Ohio Poet Laureate and signed into law by Governor John R. Kasich. Kearney argued eloquently on the Senate floor for Ohio to have its own Poet Laureate, reciting a haiku, referencing Ohio's many great poets, and quoting former U.S. Poet Laureate and Ohio native Rita Dove on the importance of poetry: "If we're going to solve the problems of the world, we have to learn how to talk to one another....Poetry is the language at its essence. It is the bones and skeleton of language. It teaches you, if nothing else, how to choose your words." During his years in the Senate, Kearney served as Minority Leader for the 130th General Assembly and as treasurer of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus. Kearney received a B.A. in English from Dartmouth College. He is married and has two children.

ABOUT OUR GUEST POET

Ohio Poet Laureate **Kari Gunter-Seymour** is a ninth generation Appalachian. She's the editor of the Women of Appalachia Project anthologies, "Women Speak," Volumes 1-6; and "Essentially Athens Ohio," an anthology focused on landmarks, tales, and experiences of those living in, or deeply connected to, Athens County. She holds a B.F.A. in graphic design and an M.A. in commercial photography. She is also a retired instructor in the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University. A poem she wrote in support of families living in poverty in Athens County, Ohio, went viral and has been seen by more than 100,000 people, resulting in thousands of dollars donated to her local food pantry.

JUDGES

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SUPPORT TEAM

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2021 State Finalists

LISTED IN RECITATION ORDER

Jakob Tucker | Archbishop McNicholas High School (Cincinnati)

Dawn of Man by Max Ritvo

In the Desert by Stephen Crane

Very Large Moth by Craig Arnold

Lee Wilkins | John Glenn High School (New Concord)

Pity the Beautiful by Dana Gioia

Enough by Suzanne Buffam

I Felt a Funeral, in my Brain by Emily Dickinson

Olivia Douglas | Medina High School (Medina)

Back Up Quick They're Hippies by Lani O'Hanlon

Emily Dickinson at the Poetry Slam by Dan Vera

When I Have Fears That I may Cease to Be by John Keats

Lexi Gastelu | Piqua High School (Piqua)

A January Dandelion by George Marion McClellan

Fate by Carolyn Wells

The Universe as Primal Scream by Tracy K. Smith

Maxwell Gierke | Toledo School for the Arts (Toledo)

And If I did, What Then? by George Gascoigne

Eating Poetry by Mark Strand

"After working sixty hours again for what reason" by Bob Hicok

Montserrat Tlahuel-Flores | St. Francis DeSales High School (Columbus)

The True-Blue American by Delmore Schwartz

The Only Mexican by David Tomas Martinez

And If I did, What Then? by George Gascoigne

2021 OHIO POETRY OUT LOUD SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

Jakob Tucker | Archbishop McNicholas High School (Cincinnati)

Ari'Anna Culpepper | Beechcroft High School (Columbus)

Annabel Long | Bexley High School (Bexley)

Daniel Nauseef | Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School (Dayton)

Lee Wilkins | John Glenn High School (New Concord)

Emma DeLong | Lima Central Catholic High School (Lima)

Lily Sauer | Logan High School (Logan)

Olivia Douglas | Medina High School

Diana Strong | Medina High School (Medina)

Maria Zieroff | Mount Notre Dame High School (Cincinnati)

Tatum L'Heureux | Nelsonville-York High School (Nelsonville)

Lexi Gastelu | Piqua High School (Piqua)

Allison Hess | River Valley High School (Bidwell)

Abigail Lay | Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center (Springfield)

Montserrat Tlahuel-Flores | St. Francis DeSales High School (Columbus)

Lydia Babcock | Toledo School for the Arts (Toledo)

Hiba Loukssi | Xenia High School (Xenia)

WE'D LIKE TO THANK OUR LEAD TEACHERS

Laura Rupp | Archbishop McNicholas High School

Antonia Mulvihill | Beechcroft High School

Mike Nolan | Bexley High School

Beth Marshall | Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School

Theresa Poulos | John Glenn High School

Noel Cordle | Lima Central Catholic High School

Shelley Riggs | Logan High School

Julie Zavesky | Medina High School

Christopher Cerone | Mount Notre Dame High School

Casey Cox | Nelsonville-York High School

Deborah Allen | Piqua High School

Celine Quinn | Mt. Healthy City High School

Kaleigh Cox | River Valley High School - Bidwell

Wendy DeLong | Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center

Pam Van Arsdale | St. Francis DeSales High School

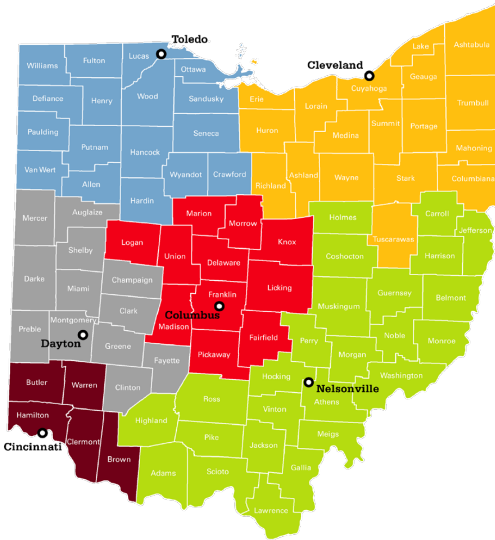
Lydia Horvath | Toledo School for the Arts

Jennifer Burgess | Xenia High School

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 May 2 & 27, 2021

Finalist recitations will be pre-recorded and streamed from Washington, D.C., at arts.gov

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