

Alliance Theatre

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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS
AND POETRY FOUNDATION PRESENT



Town Hall

Saturday, October 14, 2023

10 AM EST | Virtual



#POL24 | #IAmPoetryOutLoud

Welcome & Introductions

 Hello from the Alliance Theatre team

 Thanks for your support, Georgia Council for the Arts

 Welcome, educators and community leaders

 Welcome, students and caregivers/parents

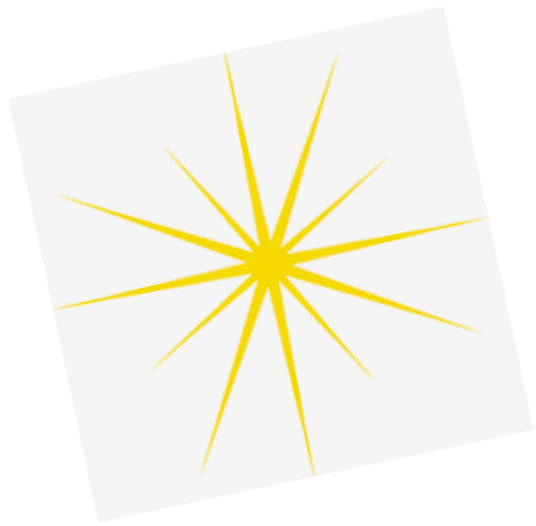
Warm Up



Respond in the chat --

What is your favorite poem?

- Title
- Poet
- Most memorable line



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Our North Star

Poetry Out Loud at the Alliance Theatre --

- We wholeheartedly support teachers.
- We encourage students to bring their authentic, whole selves and share their unique gifts and truths.
- We celebrate the community.

Poetry Out Loud

is a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering free educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition for high school students across the country.



Poetry Out Loud Structure




Pause: Questions + Feedback



Local Contests

 **Tuesday, January 2, 2024:** Deadline for schools and community organizations to register for the 2023-2024 Poetry Out Loud program in Georgia

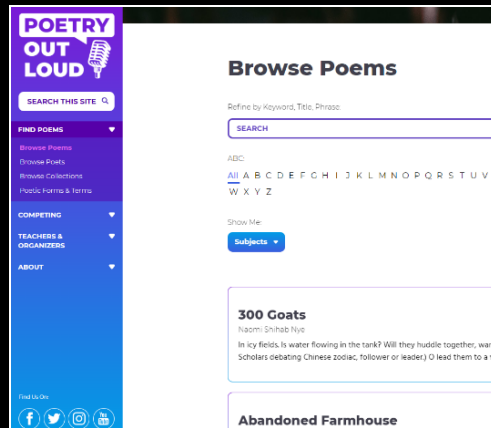
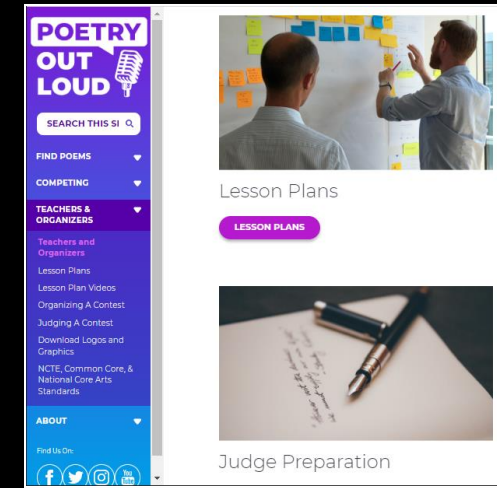
- Visit: <https://www.alliancetheatre.org/poetry-out-loud>
- Select: [Register: 2023-2024 Program]

 **Saturday, January 20, 2024:** Deadline for schools and community organizations to hold a local contest and report the champion who will advance onto Regional Contests.

- Recommend: hold your local contest in the fall semester, if possible.
 - If not, we have built in a few weeks of wiggle room at top of the new year!

Website Tools for Teachers & Students

- PoetryOutLoud.org
- Poetry anthology
- Teacher's guide
- Audio and video clips
- Lesson plans
- Judge's guide
- Tips on hosting a contest



- Search tools: browse by poet, poem, subject, or thematic collections
- Daily “featured poet” section with biographies and poems
- Free mobile app for iOS and Android

Regional Contests

- 📍 **North Georgia:** Saturday, February 3 @ 2 PM (Gilmer Arts; Ellijay, GA)
- 📍 **Coastal:** Saturday, February 10 @ 2 PM (Georgia Southern University; Savannah, GA)
- 📍 **Metro Atlanta:** Friday, February 16 @ 4 PM (Alliance Theatre; Atlanta, GA)
- 📍 **Southwest Georgia:** Saturday, February 17 @ 2 PM (Theatre Albany; Albany, GA)

💻 **Virtual Option:** Thursday, February 22 @ 4 PM (Live; via Zoom)

🏠 **Recommend:** Utilize in the event of illness or emergency only

🗣️ **Round 1:** All Students | **Round 2:** Top % (TBD based on final student participation numbers)

📝 **Prepare:** 2 poems | **Encouraged:** (1) Pre-20th Century + (1) 25-lines or fewer

State Final

📍 State Final: Friday, March 8 @ 4 PM (Alliance Theatre; Atlanta, GA)

🚫 There is no Virtual Option for the State Final

🏆 Approximately 15-20 students will participate in the State Final

🏆 Round 1: All Students | Round 2: Top % (TBD) | Round 3: Top 5

🎤 Prepare: 3 poems | Required: (1) Pre-20th Century + (1) 25-lines or fewer



*1 State Champion will
advance onto the National
Finals in Washington, DC*

National Finals

📅 National Finals: April 30 – May 2, 2024 (Washington, DC)

✈️: Prizes and Travel are provided and administered by the Poetry Foundation



Prizes at State and National Finals

State Finals

- **\$200** for POL State Champion
 - **\$500** stipend for school or organization for poetry materials
- **\$100** for POL State Runner-Up
 - **\$200** stipend for school or community organization for poetry materials

National Finals


- **\$20,000** for POL National Champion
- **\$10,000** and **\$5,000** for the second and third place national finalists
- **\$1,000** each for the other six national finalists and for three honorable mention recipients
- **\$500** stipend for schools/organizations of top nine finalists and three honorable mention recipients to purchase poetry materials

Pause: Questions + Feedback




Student Workshops (2-hour)

Preparation for Regional Contests

 In-Person: Saturday, January 13 @ 10 AM (Alliance Theatre; Midtown); **OR**

 Virtual: Saturday, January 27 @ 2 PM (Live; via Zoom)

Preparation for State Final

 In-Person: Saturday, March 2 @ 10 AM (Alliance Theatre; Midtown); **OR**

 Virtual: Saturday, March 2 @ 2 PM (Live; via Zoom)

Workshops will address all Evaluation Criteria:

- Physical Presence
- Voice and Articulation
- Interpretation (formerly "Dramatic Appropriateness")
- Evidence of Understanding
- Overall Performance
- Accuracy



Photo Source: New York Times
[Opinion: "Memorize that Poem!"](#)

Workshop Demonstration

Facilitated by Maya Lawrence, Resident Artist
and Allyship Program Director, Alliance Theatre

with Shaelyn Mullins, Spelman Leadership Intern
Alliance Theatre



Closure

Action Items:

- ✓ Register for the program by **Tuesday, January 2, 2024**
- ✓ Hold a local contest and report a champion by **Saturday, January 20, 2024**

Contact: poetryoutloud@alliancetheatre.org



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