

# Alliance Theatre

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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS  
AND POETRY FOUNDATION PRESENT



# Office Hours

Virtual (via Zoom)

Thursday, November 14 (4-5 PM EST)

Thursday, December 5 (3-4 PM EST)

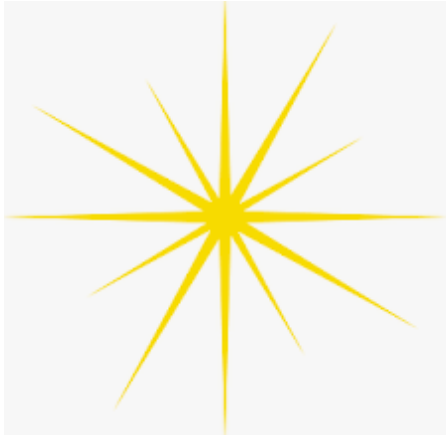


POETRY OUT LOUD



20 YEARS

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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.

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## 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



# Local Contests

 **Friday, January 17, 2025 (11:59 PM):** Deadline for schools and community organizations to register for the 2024-2025 Poetry Out Loud program in Georgia

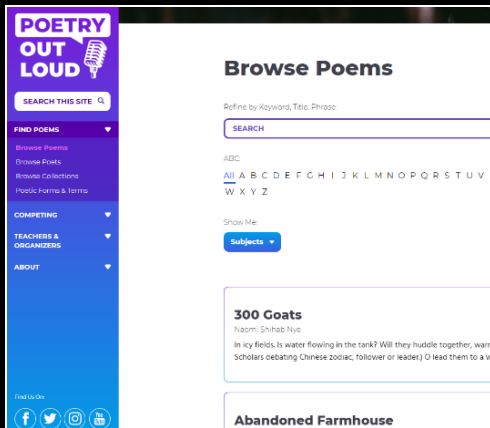
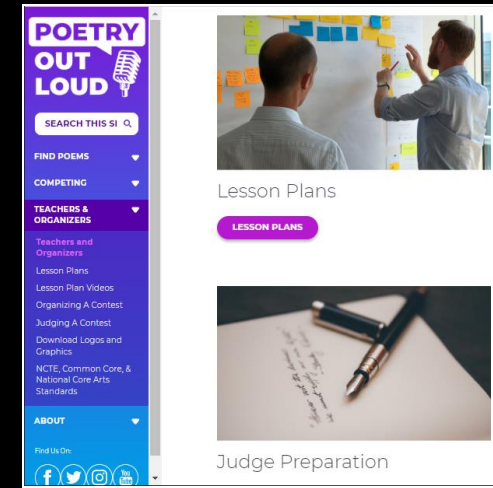
- Visit: <https://www.alliancetheatre.org/poetry-out-loud>
- Select: [Register]

 **Friday, January 24, 2025 (11:59 PM):** Deadline for schools and community organizations to hold a local contest and report a local champion (who will advance onto Regional Contests).

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

# Website Tools for Teachers & Students

- [PoetryOutLoud.org](https://www.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

# Student Workshops (2-hour)

## Preparation for Regional Contests

 Virtual: Saturday, January 25 @ 2:30 – 4:30 PM (Live; via Zoom)

## Preparation for State Final

 Virtual: Saturday, February 22 @ 2:30 – 4:30 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

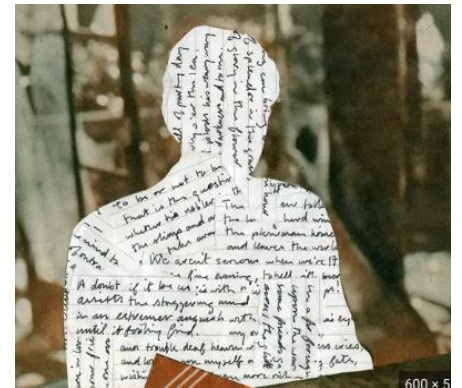





Photo Source: New York Times  
[Opinion: "Memorize that Poem!"](#)

# Regional Contests

## In-Person Regional Contests:



-  **East Georgia:** Saturday, February 1 @ 2 PM (Georgia Southern University; Savannah, GA)
-  **West Georgia:** Saturday, February 1 @ 4 PM (Columbus State University; Columbus, GA)
-  **Metro Atlanta:** Saturday, February 8 @ *timing TBA* (Alliance Theatre; Atlanta, GA)

## Virtual Regional Contest:

 **Virtual Option:** Wednesday, February 12 @ 5 PM (Live; via Zoom)

 Recommend: Utilize in the event of illness or emergency


## What to Expect:

-  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

## In-Person State Final:

 State Final: Saturday, March 8 @ 3 PM (Alliance Theatre; Atlanta, GA)

 There is no Virtual Option for the State Final

 Approximately 15-20 students will participate in the State Final

## What to Expect:

 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

# National Finals

📅 National Finals: Monday, May 5 – Wednesday, May 7, 2025 (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

# Questions + Discussion



# Closure

## Action Items:

- Register for the program by **Friday, January 17, 2025**
- Hold a local contest and report a champion by **Friday, January 24, 2025**

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