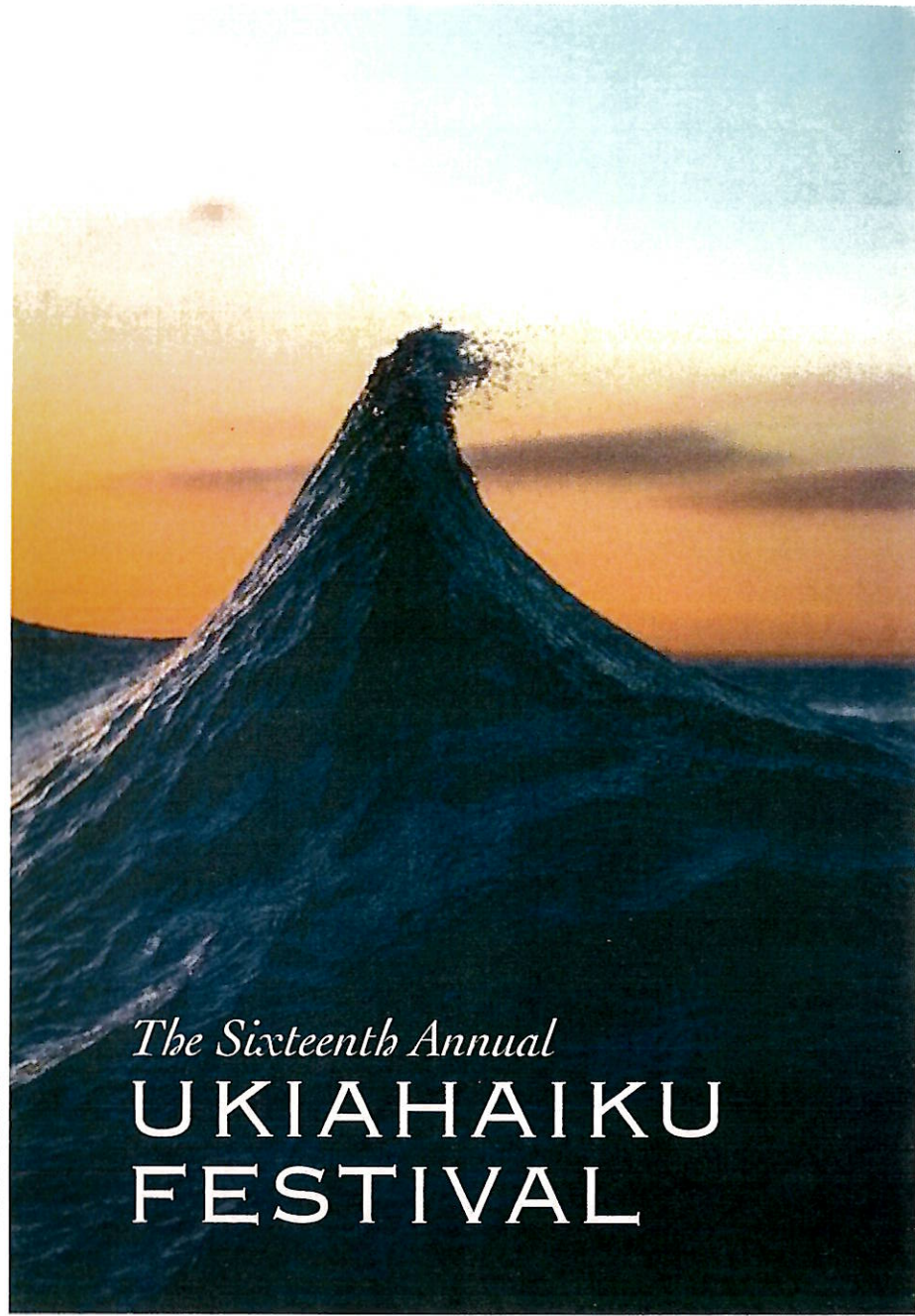




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Children, K-3 Grade, All Topics

FIRST PLACE

the sound
of daytime running out
clock

Ronan Kidd
Ukiah

SECOND PLACE

I hear the sound
of claps and I
blink

Zavanna White
Redwood Valley

THIRD PLACE

snow melting
rivers rush to the ocean
new grass

Casey Silvestro
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

rain splashes
wind blows
too cold

Selene Luong
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

bright sunshine
means midday is coming
lunchtime

Tesla O'bergin
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

red speck
crawling around in tall grass
lady bug

Aamin Asfour
Ukiah

Children, 4-6 Grade, All Topics

FIRST PLACE

window screen
separates the fly and me
summer heat

Sophia Zhao
Ukiah

SECOND PLACE

rainy day
stuck inside
splatter painting

Erica Lai
Ukiah

THIRD PLACE

raindrop falls
speeding past
old schoolhouse

Ali Davis
Redwood Valley

HONORABLE MENTION

planes go by
going through the clouds
kids eating peanuts

Mito Zazueta
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

walking down the stairs
I see my shadow
on the sunlit floor

Katherine Wang
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

colorful tires
I hide inside
Todd Grove Park

Kamila Hopkins
Ukiah

Youth, 10-12 Grade, All Topics

FIRST PLACE

grease in the pan
I smell frybread
my grandma

Georgie H.
Covelo

SECOND PLACE

cardboard box
a jazz singer
his hat on the ground

Dylan DeGuzman
Ukiah

THIRD PLACE

rain clouds
reflected in a puddle
a glimpse of sun

Kailey Holmes
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

sweet tea in a jar
sweats on the picnic table
summer, flies buzzin

Oceanna Ackley
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

dodging the kittens
the older cat waits
a beginning rain . . .

Joshua Barrera
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

butterflies before
the gate opens – disappear
when a bull is in the ring

Kaitlyn Ross
Ukiah

Benj Thomas Prize, Children, About Ukiah

FIRST PLACE

young deer
jumping over tall fence
lettuce

Aamin Asfour
Ukiah

SECOND PLACE

tall weeds
sway in the breeze near a tattered net
soccer field

Rohan Halady
Ukiah

THIRD PLACE

soft warm breeze
blows across my face
a dog barks

Nishae Valente-Gamboa
Redwood Valley

HONORABLE MENTION

empty Coke can
smushed cigarette
the Russian River

Katherine Wang
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

groans and shuffles
unhappy complaints
time for school

Elizabeth Lu
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

all alone
little boy crying
abandoned lot

Ali Davis
Redwood Valley

Youth, 7-12 Grade, About Ukiah

FIRST PLACE

smelling
the fresh mowed grass
baseball season

Nathan Looney
Ukiah

SECOND PLACE

serenity in the temple
not a sound to be heard until
a peacock releases its cry

Leanna Duong
Ukiah

THIRD PLACE

morning air
the chill when the door opens
running to the heated car

Ava Kindopp
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

seventeen black balloons
popped and thrown away
rather than floating to the sky

Emma Dolan
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

rain and shine
require umbrellas
bipolar

Chris Ruan
Talmage

HONORABLE MENTION

standing at the edge
a blanket of clouds below
mountain peaks above

Sophia Duncliff
Ukiah

Para Menores de 18 años, en Español

FIRST PLACE

por encima de los árboles
una montaña se ha derretido
en la niebla

*above the trees
a mountain has melted away
in the fog*

Karina Orozco
Ukiah

SECOND PLACE

el campo de los incendios
con las montañas y sus sombras
y los viñedos que son mi hogar

*the field of the fires
with the mountains and their shadows
the vineyards that are my home*

Jordan Porterfield
Ukiah

THIRD PLACE

no es la luna
lo que veo
de mi celda

*it is not the moon
that I see
from my cell*

Luis A.
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

noche oscura
relámpagos brillantes
mi dios llora

*dark night
brilliant lightning
my god weeps*

Juanita Maldonado Sanchez
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

ofrendas son puentes
los espíritus bailan
sintiéndose todos nostálgicos

*offerings are bridges
the spirits dance
everyone feeling nostalgic*

Susana Correa
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

durante noche
en todo silencio
los buhos hablan

*during the night
in deepest silence
the owls speak*

Madelyn Cabral
Ukiah

Para Mayores de 18 años, en Español

FIRST PLACE

gota de fuego
golpeando el aire
colibrí en vuelo

*droplet of fire
beating the air
hummingbird in flight*

Sharon Donovan
Petaluma

SECOND PLACE

muchas veces bajo la lluvia
los peces bailan, los insectos se
esconden
la vida comienza de nuevo

*often under the rain
fish dance, insects hide
life begins anew*

Alexis Saunders
Ukiah

THIRD PLACE

las flores llenas
hacen mi corazón
una puerta franca

*the flowers in bloom
make my heart
an unguarded door*

Carol Butzbach
Clearlake Oaks

HONORABLE MENTION

caminando entre
los gigantes naturales
estoy contento

*walking among
nature's giants
I am content*

Christopher Morris
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

hay lluvia
en las calles
y en mis ojos

*there is rain
on the streets
and in my eyes*

Kailey Holmes
Ukiah

Dori Anderson Prize, Adult, About Ukiah

FIRST PLACE

sun-baked orchard
collecting cherries
in my hat

Annette Makino
Arcata

SECOND PLACE

crumbling today's
newspaper for kindling . . .
more wildfires

Bill Gottlieb
Middletown

THIRD PLACE

spring rain
the frogs are happy
for an hour or so

Roy Helton
Laytonville

HONORABLE MENTION

second-story lights
reflect from a rainy puddle
warm night

Tamara Derooy
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

blossoming white plum
space between branches
you are gone

Lourdes M. Thuesen
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

Cindy reheats duck
after everyone's eaten
a bird flies through mist

Colter Jacobsen
Ukiah

HONORABLE MENTION

wooded path
I watch my dog listen
to leaves fall

Laura Leigh
Point Arena

FOURTH HONORABLE MENTION

daffodils
the spring
in my step

Martha Magenta
Bristol, United Kingdom

FIFTH HONORABLE MENTION

growth rings . . .
a banana slug pauses
on the Renaissance

Jacqueline Pearce
Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada

Judges & Committee Members

pear ladders in place
two scraggly crows
on a wire

Dan Barth
Talmage

long shadows
from the picket fence
point the way home

Armand Brint
Ukiah

big, warm, present grace
crinkled smile sees your soul
unconditionally

in memory of Benj Thomas

Susanna Janssen
Ukiah

Judges & Committee Members

so painfully sweet
the deeply piercing contact
of our hearts touching

Cathy Monroe
Redwood Valley

they wave too—
the shadows of
prayer flags

Michael Riedell
Ukiah

yellow flared trumpet
spring's sun seeking sentinels
daffodils standing

Irma Turner
Redwood Valley

Judges & Committee Members

the gull's cry –
the shape of the wave
before it curls

Michael Dylan Welch
Sammamish, WA

In memory of Jane

wanting it to come
and the place it isn't
the next wave

Jane Reichhold
Gualala

Entries

The ukiaHaiku Committee and the Ukiah Poet Laureate Committee wish to thank all those authors who responded so enthusiastically by entering this year's ukiaHaiku competition – more than 1,456 total entries. Per our competition guidelines, the majority of entries were from poets in California's Mendocino, Humboldt, Sonoma and Lake Counties – 20 schools, primarily from Mendocino County, participated. In the festival's Jane Reichhold International division, entries were received from 19 states, 30 countries and 5 continents.

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