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Poetry Out Loud State Championship: March 6

Students from 24 high schools to compete to represent Michigan in trip to Washington DC

DATE: Saturday, March 6, 2010

TIME: 10 am - 4 pm

WHAT: 5th annual Michigan Poetry Out Loud state competition

WHERE: Forum Room, State of Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing

COST: Free to the public

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MEDIA – please contact Scott Hirko at cell 517-488-2819 if you plan to attend. (*Television trucks are not permitted to park in the circle drive*).

The fifth annual Poetry Out Loud state poetry recitation competition is scheduled for March 6, 2010, at the State of Michigan Library and Historical Center (702 W. Kalamazoo St.) in Lansing. The event begins at 10 am with winners announced at 4 pm. It is free and open to the public.

High school students from 24 schools across Michigan will participate. A listing of student names is attached. The winner will be named Michigan's Poetry Out Loud representative for the national competition. The national competition will be held in Washington, DC, from April 25-27, 2010. State finalists will also be invited to participate in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival, May 13-15, 2010 in Kalamazoo.

The state winner will receive \$200 and an all-expenses-paid trip to the national competition. The winner's school will receive a \$500 stipend for the purchase of poetry books. The runner-up in the Michigan competition will receive \$100, along with \$200 for their school library.

Poetry Out Loud is a partnership of the Michigan Humanities Council, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Poetry Foundation, the Michigan Youth Arts Association, and the Library of Michigan.

For more information and a list of participating high schools, visit www.michiganhumanities.org

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MICHIGAN'S POETRY OUT LOUD 2010 PARTICIPANTS

School	City	Teacher		Student			Student Hometown
		First Name	Last	First Name	Last	Grade	
----- SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN -----							
University High School Academy	Southfield	Davena	Jackson	Danielle	El-Amin	9	Southfield
Saline High School	Saline	Carolyn	Kreple	Dillon	Burns	12	Saline
Roosevelt High School	Wyandotte	Warren	Baker	Kelly	Stec	11	Wyandotte
Cass Technical High School	Detroit	Marilyn	McCormick	Harron	Atkins	11	Detroit
Bradford Academy High School	Southfield	Melissa	Hedgcock	Glennika	Hubbard	11	Redford
Wylie E. Groves High School	Beverly Hills	John	Rutherford	Daniel	Sherwood	12	West Bloomfield
Franklin Road Christian School	Novi	Teresa	Swaffield	Alexandra	Hicks	12	Novi
Detroit Catholic Central High School	Novi	Kevin	Griffin	Tim	Hoffman	11	Howell
----- CENTRAL/THUMB MICHIGAN -----							
Carman-Ainsworth High School	Flint	Amanda	Sauvie	Paige	Conway	11	Flint
Madison Academy	Flint	Dawn	Corbray	Rishard	Hawk	10	Flint
Wolverine Alternative Education	Vassar	John	Robison	Abigail	Tanner	12	Vassar
----- MID MICHIGAN -----							
Holt High School	Holt	Nick	Mourning	Mikaela	Taylor	12	Lansing
----- SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN -----							
Portage Central High School	Portage	Cheryl	Braford	Gabriella	Fox	12	Kalamazoo
Grace Christian School	Watervliet	Leslie	Beukelman	Sarah	Johnson	12	Benton Harbor
Portage Northern High School	Portage	Nancy	Nott	Jennifer	Miller	12	Portage
----- WEST MICHIGAN -----							
North Muskegon High School	Muskegon	Toni	Seyferth	Cora	Young	12	Muskegon
Forest Hills Central High School	Grand Rapids	Sarah	Scobell	Lauren	Treiber	12	Grand Rapids
----- NORTHERN LOWER MICHIGAN -----							
Alba Public School	Alba	Judy	Zimpfer	Kristi Leigh	Leitow	12	Alba
The Leelanau School	Glen Arbor	Norm	Wheeler	Taylor	Maddox	11	Glen Arbor
Boyne Falls Public School	Boyne Falls	Jeff	Garver	Teghan	Oswald	9	Boyne Falls
Petoskey High School	Petoskey	Glen	Young	Dana	Reynolds	9	Petoskey
----- UPPER PENINSULA -----							
Mackinac Island Public School	Mackinac Island	Lance	Greenlee	Onaca	Bennett	9	Mackinac Island
Houghton High School	Houghton	Julie	Antilla	Kevin	Heras	12	Hancock
Jeffers High School	Painesdale	Cindy	Ruotsi	Noble	Rundman	9	South Range

About the Michigan Humanities Council

The Michigan Humanities Council, founded in 1974, is a non-profit organization funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Each year, the Council reaches tens of thousands of Michigan citizens by supporting humanities and cultural programming in hundreds of Michigan communities.

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