

# ART OF POETRY

## Student Participation

### BACKGROUND:

In March 2022, the Va Beach Art Center is holding an exhibition called, The Art of Poetry, which will feature local artists who have created visual art in response to the written word.

We are inviting students from VB Middle and Old Donation School (grades 6-8) to participate by submitting poetry for the exhibition.

Artists will receive copies of the student poems and will be invited to create visual art in response to the student works.

Accepted poems will be hung in the gallery for the duration of the exhibition. Students are invited to attend the opening reception for the exhibition. There will also be a Poetry Slam later in the month, in which they are invited to recite their poetry for an audience.

### EXHIBITION DATES/EVENTS:

March 4-27	Exhibition on display
March 4, 6-8 pm	Opening Reception—all families invited
March 4, 7 pm	Facebook Livestream of Exhibition Presentation
Date TBD	Poetry Slam—students read their poetry for an audience of friends, family, school personnel and Art Center patrons
March 27, 3-4 pm	Artist Talks—artists and students invited to also speak about their creative process
March 28-31	Poems and certificates returned to schools

Note: The Poetry Slam may be combined with the artist talks. We will determine that after consulting with teachers and art center staff.

### SUBMISSION PROCESS:

#### DUE DATE:

- **First Round: December 20, 2021:** The early date gives artists more time to create an artwork in response to student poems.
- **Final Date January 11, 2022:** Final date to submit poems to be shared with artists for responsive creation of art.
- **Student Info spreadsheet also due January 11, 2022.**

Poems can be submitted any time between now and the deadline, as long as the student name and poem title are included and also tracked on the Student Info spreadsheet. See below.

Teachers should collect the poems and submit using the attached Student Info spreadsheet. Please proofread student info before sending—we will merge this information for certificates.

**Send Poem .pdf files and Student Info sheet to Karen Kleinbrook at [exhibitions@artcentervb.org](mailto:exhibitions@artcentervb.org)**

One poem per student.

Student poems must be generated as a .PDF file that will be printed on standard letter paper. A poem can be on multiple pages, but it must be one file. Page numbering is helpful for multi-page submissions.

The total number of poems accepted will be determined according to the response we get. We encourage teachers to talk with kids and help them select their best piece to submit. If participation is overwhelming, we reserve the right to curate some poems and not display all of them. If participation is light, we might ask teachers to solicit additional entries, and allow more than one per person.

On the printed poem, students may choose to use their full name or first name and last initial—based on the guidance from the school, parental choice, etc. First and last name is not required for the display but is required on the Student Info sheet.

All formatting, line spacing, fonts, proofreading, etc. should be done before the .PDF file is saved. We will print in black/white and display exactly as we receive it.

Fonts, font size, indentation and punctuation are all up to the student. Text color should be black or gray.

Each poem should have the following header, centered at the top with at least double space before the body of the poem:

Title  
Student Name  
School, Grade

**Again, email the .pdf files and Student Info Sheet to [exhibitions@artcentervb.org](mailto:exhibitions@artcentervb.org) on or before December 20, 2021 for the first round and January 11 for the second round.**