

THE *Adroit*
JOURNAL

2018 ADROIT PRIZES FOR POETRY & PROSE
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[The Adroit Prizes for Poetry & Prose](#) are awarded annually to two students of **secondary** (high school) or **undergraduate** status whose written work inspires the masses to believe beyond feeling the work. In other words, we strive to receive the absolute best work from emerging young writers in high school and college, and the best of the best will receive these two lovely awards.

The 2018 Adroit Prize for Poetry will be selected by **Alex Dimitrov**, and the 2018 Adroit Prize for Prose will be selected by **Rachel Heng**. Both Alex and Rachel have previously appeared in the *Adroit Journal*. Click [here](#) and [here](#) (respectively) to read Alex's poems "Cocaine" (recipient of a 2017 Pushcart Prize) and "A Living", and click [here](#) to read Rachel's story "Fusings".

To learn more about the judges of the 2018 Adroit Prizes, you may scroll on to the "Judges" section. **To access guidelines for the 2018 Adroit Prizes**, you may scroll to the "Guidelines" section, or simply click [here](#). **To view results of previous years' Adroit Prizes**, you may scroll on to the "Winners" section. Please direct any questions to editors@theadroitjournal.org.

Thank you very much for your interest in the 2018 Adroit Prizes! We hope to have the privilege of considering your work.

Judges



Alex Dimitrov
POETRY JUDGE, 2018

Alex Dimitrov is the author of *Together and by Ourselves* (Copper Canyon Press, 2017) and *Begging for It* (Four Way Books, 2013). He is the recipient of the Stanley Kunitz Prize from the *American Poetry Review* and a Pushcart Prize. He has previously served as editor of the popular online series Poem-a-Day and *American Poets*. He lives in New York City.

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Rachel Heng
PROSE JUDGE, 2018

Rachel Heng's debut novel, *Suicide Club*, will be published by Henry Holt, Macmillan (US) and Sceptre, Hachette (UK) in July 2018. Her short fiction has received a Pushcart Prize Special Mention and *Prairie Schooner's* Jane Geske Award. Rachel was born and raised in Singapore, and currently lives in Austin, where she is pursuing her MFA at the Michener Center for Writers, UT Austin.

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Guidelines

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Submissions will open on February 1st, and will close on April 15th.

Click [here](#) to submit.

All secondary and undergraduate students are eligible, including international students and students who have graduated a semester early (in this case, in December 2018). **Submissions may include up to six poems (maximum of ten pages single-spaced) and/or up to three works of prose (combined word limit of 3,500 words).** Excerpts of longer works are acceptable.

Simultaneous submissions—as well as work that has been recognized by other organizations and/or featured in campus-wide publications—are accepted, provided that simultaneously submitted work is acknowledged as such in the cover letter portion of the submission. Submitters should reach out promptly via email (editors@theadroitjournal.org) if work under consideration is accepted elsewhere.

Winners will each be awarded \$200, and their work—along with the work of runners-up—will be featured in the *Adroit Journal*. Finalists will receive copies of the judges' latest books. Works selected for publication will be considered for nomination for inclusion in a number of anthologies. **Previous work from the Adroit Prizes has appeared in *Best New Poets*, *Best of the Net*, and *Best American Nonrequired Reading*, among others.**

To accommodate the Prizes' purse while offering free online issues, we have set a non-refundable submission fee of \$12. **If you require financial assistance, you may submit a fee waiver** by downloading [this form](#) and following the instructions. Due to fee waivers' processing time, fee waivers will only be accepted until one week before the deadline (postmarked).

All submissions will be considered for publication in the Adroit Journal.

Each submitter may send a maximum of one submission per genre per year, but may send both poetry and prose in a given year.

Please direct any questions to editors@theadroitjournal.org.

Again, please click [here](#) to submit.

Winners



Safwan Khatib

SELECTED BY SAFIYA SINCLAIR

Recipient, 2017 Adroit Prize for Poetry

Safwan Khatib is from Indianapolis, Indiana, and currently lives in New York City, where he is an undergraduate student at Columbia University. His poem “Empire with a Harp Inside It” was selected by Safiya Sinclair for the 2017 Adroit Prize for Poetry.

Runner-Up

Christina Im
Sunset High School (OR), '18

Finalists

Aidan Forster
SC Governor's School (SC), '18

Adam Hamze
Univ. of Texas - Austin (TX), '17

Alisha Yi
Edward W. Clark High School (NV), '18

Zuyi Zhao
The Benjamin School (FL), '17

Joyce Zhou
Neuqua Valley High School (IL), '18

Lily Zhou
Aragon High School (CA), '18

Semifinalists

Colin Bailes
Univ. of Central Florida (FL), '17

Annabelle Crowe
Homeschool (NC), '17

Reuben Gelley Newman
The Dalton School (NY), '17

torrin a. greathouse
Univ. of California - Irvine (CA), '18

Jacqueline He
The Harker School (CA), '18

Noor Hindi
Univ. of Akron (OH), '17

Cassandra Hsiao
OC School of the Arts (CA), '17

Eileen Huang
High Tech. High School (NJ), '18

Anika Prakash
WW-P High School South (NJ), '19

Andy Sia
Colgate Univ. (NY), '17

Irina Teveleva
Columbia Univ. (NY), '17

Brad Trumpfheller
Emerson College (MA), '18

Kristin Wu Latimer
Univ. of Oxford (GBR), '18



Charity Young

SELECTED BY ALLEGRA HYDE

Recipient, 2017 Adroit Prize for Prose

Charity Young is a freshman at Princeton University, originally from Camas, Washington. Her fiction has previously appeared in the *Adroit Journal*. For her short story “Sabratha”, Charity was selected by Allegra Hyde for the 2017 Adroit Prize for Prose.

Runner-Up

Aidan Forster
SC Governor’s School (SC), ‘18

Finalists

Olivia Alger
Interlochen Arts Academy (MI), ‘17

Julia Gourary
The Nightingale-Bamford School (NY), ‘17

Angelo Hernandez-Sias
Columbia Univ. (NY), ‘20

Semifinalists

Michelle Chen
Hunter College High School (NY), ‘17

Savannah Horton
Bowdoin College (ME), ‘17

Diana Khong
Burncoat High School (MA), ‘18

Enshia Li
Bayview Secondary School (CAN), ‘18

Alison Liu
Rice Univ. (TX), ‘18

Ashira Shirali
The Shri Ram School (IND), ‘18

Rona Wang
Mass. Institute of Tech. (MA), ‘20

2016 Adroit Prizes



Rachel Cruea

SELECTED BY COREY VAN LANDINGHAM

Recipient, 2016 Adroit Prize for Poetry



Brynne Rebele-Henry

SELECTED BY KEVIN MOFFETT

Recipient, 2016 Adroit Prize for Prose

Runners-Up

Walker Caplan
Fiction | Lakeside School (WA)

Theophilus Kwek
Poetry | Univ. of Oxford (GBR)

Honorable Mentions

Christina Im
Poetry | Sunset High School (OR)

Jessica Li
Fiction | Livingston High School (NJ)

Polina Solovyeva
Fiction | The Hotchkiss School (CT)

Scott Stevens
Poetry | Menlo School (CA)

Sophie van Waardenberg
Fiction | Univ. of Auckland (NZL)

Christian Wessels
Fiction | SUNY - Brockport (NY)

Editors' List

Adam Berman
Fiction | Princeton Univ. (NJ)

Morgan Blalock
Poetry | Hollins Univ. (VA)

Maddie Clevestine
Poetry | SC Governor's School (SC)

Helli Fang
Poetry | Walnut Hill School (MA)

Aidan Forster
Poetry | SC Governor's School (SC)

Mitchell Glazier
Poetry | West Virginia Univ. (WV)

Ashley Gong
Poetry | Newtown High School (CT)

Alex Greenberg
Poetry | Fieldston School (NY)

Jaclyn Grimm
Fiction | Lake Highland Prep School (FL)

Kathryn Hargett
Poetry | AL School of Fine Arts (AL)

Michal Leibowitz
Poetry | Stanford Univ. (CA)

Elizabeth Lemieux
Fiction | Interlochen Arts Academy (MI)

Alison Liu
Fiction | Rice Univ. (TX)

A. E. Long
Poetry | LaSwap Sixth Form (GBR)

Annalise Lozier
Poetry | Interlochen Arts Academy (MI)

George Lubitz
Fiction | Skidmore College (NY)

Grant McClure
Nonfiction | Wofford College (SC)

Meg Millure
Poetry | Univ. of Pittsburgh (PA)

Longlist continued on next page.

2016 Adroit Prizes

Longlist (cont.)

Alexa Perlmutter

Fiction | National Cathedral School (DC)

Erin Stoodley

Poetry | El Camino High School (CA)

Kathleen Radigan

Poetry | Wesleyan Univ. (CT)

Christina Sun

Fiction | Univ. of Mass. - Amherst (MA)

Ben Read

Poetry | Lewis & Clark High School (WA)

Smriti Verma

Poetry | Apeejay School (IND)

Brynne Rebele-Henry

Poetry | Homeschool (VA)

Rona Wang

Nonfiction | Lincoln High School (OR)

Max Seifert

Poetry | Univ. of Iowa (IA)

Charity Young

Fiction | Union High School (WA)

Anna Sheppard

Poetry | SC Governor's School (SC)

Alex Zhang

Poetry | Phillips Exeter Academy (NH)

Serena Solin

Poetry | Columbia Univ. (NY)

Emily Zhang

Poetry | Richard Montgomery High School (MD)

2015 Adroit Prizes



Ian Burnette

SELECTED BY TAFIA FAIZULLAH

Recipient, 2015 Adroit Prize for Poetry



Lydia Weintraub

SELECTED BY ALEXANDER MAKSIK

Recipient, 2015 Adroit Prize for Prose

Runners-Up

Brynne Rebele-Henry
Poetry | Homeschool (VA)

John Stegner
Prose | Univ. of Virginia (VA)

Honorable Mentions

Mariel Alonzo
Poetry | Univ. of the Philippines (PHL)

Sara Henry
Poetry | Univ. of Chicago (IL)

Christina Qiu
Prose | Harvard Univ. (MA)

Maia Rosenfeld
Prose | Brown Univ. (RI)

Emily Zhang
Poetry | Richard Montgomery High
School (MD)

Editors' List

Rachael Allen
Prose | Bowdoin College (ME)

Mehul Bhagat
Poetry | Emory Univ. (GA)

Nathan Blansett
Poetry | Emory Univ. (GA)

Catherine Brams
Poetry | Middlebury College (VT)

Walker Caplan
Prose | Lakeside School (WA)

Lev Craig
Poetry | Harvard Univ. (MA)

Cu Fleshman
Prose | Univ. of California - Irvine (CA)

Mitchell Glazier
Poetry | West Virginia Univ. (WV)

Ava Goga
Poetry | R. McQueen High School (NV)

Safwan Khatib
Poetry | Columbia Univ. (NY)

Erin Koehler
Poetry | SUNY - Geneseo (NY)

Jessica Li
Prose | Livingston High School (NJ)

Annalise Lozier
Poetry | Interlochen Arts Academy (MI)

Blaire Marshall
Poetry | College of Charleston (SC)

Jared Newman
Prose | Yale Univ. (CT)

Lucy Silbaugh
Prose | Abington Friends School (PA)

Jeremy Windham
Poetry | Stephen F. Austin State Univ. (TX)

2014 Adroit Prizes



Nathan Durham

SELECTED BY RICHIE HOFMANN

Recipient, 2014 Adroit Prize for Poetry



Isabel DeBre

SELECTED BY WENDY RAWLINGS

Recipient, 2014 Adroit Prize for Prose

Runners-Up

Ian Burnette

Poetry | SC Governor's School (SC)

Madeleine Cravens

Prose | Bard H.S. Early College (NY)

Honorable Mentions

Dalton Fischer-Linnett

Prose | Southbank Int'l. School (GBR)

Maddie Kim

Poetry | Polytechnic School (CA)

Emily Knott

Poetry | Princeton Univ. (NJ)

Catherine Mosier-Mills

Prose | Pomona College (CA)

Frances Saux

Prose | Ruth Asawa School (CA)

Oriana Tang

Poetry | Livingston High School (NJ)

Editors' List

Camara Brown

Poetry | Univ. of Pennsylvania (PA)

Alicia Lai

Poetry | Princeton Univ. (NJ)

Cheryl Julia Lee

Poetry | Nanyang Tech. Univ. (SGP)

Emma Lister

Poetry | Colyton Grammar School (GBR)

Kyle Michelson

Poetry | Stanford Univ. (CA)

Torn Porter

Prose | Stanford Univ. (CA)

Christina Qiu

Prose | Livingston High School (NJ)

AM Ringwalt

Prose | Emerson College (MA)

Lucy Wainger

Poetry | Stuyvesant High School (NY)

Megan Walters

Prose | Interlochen Arts Academy (MI)

Jay G. Ying

Poetry | Univ. of Edinburgh (GBR)

2013 Adroit Prizes



Shelley Whitaker

SELECTED BY GARTH GREENWELL

Recipient, 2013 Adroit Prize for Poetry



Elizabeth Martin

SELECTED BY MARLIN BARTON

Recipient, 2013 Adroit Prize for Prose

Runners-Up

Lily Fishman

Prose | Barnard College (NY)

Jacob Oet

Poetry | Swarthmore College (PA)

Honorable Mentions

Emily Bernard

Poetry | Carleton College (MN)

Katherine Frain

Poetry | Wando High School (SC)

Emily Hittner-Cunningham

Prose | Harvard Univ. (MA)

Da'Shawn Mosley

Poetry | Univ. of Chicago (IL)

Eric Stiefel

Prose | New York Univ. (NY)

Ashley Zhou

Prose | Harvard Univ. (MA)

Editors' List

Yasmin Belkhyr

Poetry | Garden School (NY)

Kathleen Cole

Poetry | Univ. of Chicago (IL)

Caleb Kaiser

Poetry | School of the Art Institute (IL)

Kayla Krut

Poetry | Univ. of California - Berkeley (CA)

Charles McCrory

Prose | Univ. of Mississippi (MS)

Christina Qiu

Prose | Livingston High School (NJ)

Kathleen Radigan

Poetry | Connecticut College (CT)

Iris Samuels

Poetry | Israeli Defense Force (ISR)

Rachel Stone

Poetry | Princeton Univ. (NJ)

Lydia Weintraub

Prose | Saint Ann's School (NY)

Victoria White

Poetry | Milton Academy (MA)

2012 Adroit Prizes



Stephanie Guo

SELECTED BY CHLOE HONUM

Recipient, 2012 Adroit Prize for Poetry



Phoebe Nir

SELECTED BY KIRK NESSET

Recipient, 2012 Adroit Prize for Prose

Runners-Up

Flora Collins

Prose | Vassar College (NY)

Nicholas Pierce

Poetry | Texas Tech Univ. (TX)

Honorable Mentions

Elizabeth Ballou

Prose | Univ. of Virginia (VA)

Alina Grabowski

Prose | Univ. of Pennsylvania (PA)

Michelle Jia

Poetry | Stanford Univ. (CA)

Jessie Li

Poetry | Davidson College (NC)

Eliza Moley

Poetry | Greens Farms Academy (CT)

Melissa Tolentino

Prose | Univ. of North Carolina -
Chapel Hill (NC)

Editors' List

Alexa Derman

Prose | Westfield High School (NJ)

Amy Gopinathan

Poetry | Princeton Univ. (NJ)

Sara Kassel

Prose | Philadelphia Univ. (PA)

Caroline Kelley

Poetry | Wellesley College (MA)

Katy Li

Poetry | Coppell High School (TX)

Molly McGinnis

Poetry | Boise High School (ID)

Rick Manayan

Poetry | Punahou School (HI)

Sienna Zeilinger

Prose | Brown Univ. (RI)

Tina Zhu

Poetry | Shanghai American School (CHN)

Journal

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The Adroit Journal was founded in November 2010 by poet Peter LaBerge. At its foundation, the journal has its eyes focused ahead, seeking to showcase what its global staff of emerging writers sees as the future of poetry, prose, and art.

Recognized in *Pushcart Prizes: Best of the Small Presses*, *Poetry Daily*, *Best of the Net*, *Best New Poets*, *Best American Nonrequired Reading*, *Verse Daily*, *Teen Vogue*, and NPR, among others, the journal has featured the voices of Terrance Hayes, Franny Choi, Alex Dimitrov, Lydia Millet, D. A. Powell, NoViolet Bulawayo, Ocean Vuong, Ned Vizzini, Fatimah Asghar, Danez Smith, and beyond.

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The journal is currently published on a quarterly online basis. We also sponsor the annual [Adroit Journal Summer Mentorship Program](#), as well as [Adroit Prizes for Poetry and Prose](#), which recognize exceptional student writers.

We're looking for work that's bizarre, authentic, subtle, outrageous, indefinable, raw, paradoxical. We've got our eyes on the horizon. Send us writing that lives just between the land and the sky.