

Poetry Out Loud Regional Contest

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QUAD CITY ARTS PRESENTS:

WHAT: Poetry Out Loud Regional Recitation Contest

WHEN: February, 18th at 6:30 PM

WHERE: Quad City Arts, 719 11th Avenue, Rock Island, IL

WHO: High School Students from Thurgood Marshall, United Township, and Orion

JUDGES: First Quad City Poet Laureate- Dick Stahl, Teacher, Actor, Poetry Slam Champion- John Turner, Writer, Poet, Editor- Jane Van Vooren Rodgers, Retired Business Women- Judith Moens

Quad City Arts announces a regional contest for Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest. On Friday, February 18th, students from Orion High School, Thurgood Marshall, and United Township will participate in the Poetry Out Loud regional contest at Quad City Arts. Attendance at this event is free and open to the public and refreshments will be served.

The winner of this competition will advance to Illinois' State Poetry Out Loud Competition, being held Friday, March 11, 2011, at the Hoogland Center for the Arts in Springfield. The State champion will advance to the Poetry Out Loud National Finals on April 28-29, 2011 in Washington, DC, where \$50,000 in awards and school stipends will be distributed.

The competition, presented in partnership with the Illinois Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Poetry Foundation, is part of a national program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance, and competition. Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation is honored to provide travel support for regional and state finals of Poetry Out Loud in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.

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