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Andrew Romanelli, Recipient of John Oliver Simon Award, to Read at PublicUs

The John Oliver Simon Award Reading (formerly the Poetry Promise Award) celebrates a student poet for exceptional promise in poetry and is selected by the Poet Laureate and the Poetry Promise Board of Directors. This year’s reading—which is free and open to the public—will take place on Friday, August 31st, from 7:00-9:00 pm at PublicUs, located at 1126 Fremont St, Las Vegas, NV 89101.

This year’s recipient is Nevada State College student, Andrew Romanelli. Romanelli has served as an editor for 300 Days of Sun and Assistant Poetry Editor of Helen: A Literary Magazine. He was president of the College of Southern Nevada’s Creative Writing Club and is the current president of Nevada State College’s Blue Sage Writer’s Guild. In addition to being featured at this community reading, the recipient was awarded $500.00.

Romanelli will be joined at this reading by past award recipients, Lila Brissette and Ariel Horton; Clark County Poet Laureate, Vogue Robinson; and Jennifer Battisti, Angela Brommel, and Heather Lang.

This scholarship was initiated by Bruce Isaacson, Emeritus Poet Laureate, and continued by Vogue Robinson, the current Clark County Poet Laureate. The name of the award was changed to honor the memory of John Oliver Simon, one of the Bay Area’s most beloved poets and the individual who inspired the Nevada Poets in the Schools program, who passed away this past January.

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