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John Oliver Simon Award Winners and Reading

Las Vegas, NV—Poetry Promise, Inc. is proud to announce the winners of the John Oliver Simon award, a leading prize for excellent poetry by a full-time student. The John Oliver Simon Award is judged 'in-the-blind' by the Clark County Poet Laureate and the Poetry Promise Board of Directors. This year's reading will take place on Saturday, May 18th, 2024, from 2:00pm – 3:30pm at the Winchester Cultural Center Multipurpose Room. Admission is free and open to the public.

This year's winners are…

1st place: Asa Baker, Nevada State University
2nd place: Blu Mehari, Bennington College
Runner-up: Bobby Morris, Nevada State University

Our winners will be joined by a small selection of Nevada Poets. An open reading will follow the featured poets.

Event Details:

- Date: **Saturday, May 18th, 2024**
- Time: **2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Pacific Daylight Time**
- Location: **Winchester Cultural Center, 3130 McLeod Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89121**
- **A Zoom link is available**. For those who prefer to join that way, please email bruce@poetrypromise.org.
- Admission: **Free and open to the public**

This scholarship was initiated by Bruce Isaacson, first Poet Laureate of Clark County, Nevada. Angela Brommel, the current Clark County Poet Laureate, has supported the program and helped choose the winning manuscripts. The name of the award was changed to honor the memory of John Oliver Simon, one of the Bay Area's most beloved poets, who passed away in January 2018. John Simon worked many years to advance the California Poets in the Schools program and inspired the Nevada Poets in the Schools program.

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