

Hello educators,

Literary Arts is thrilled to announce the return of [Verselandia!](#), the city-wide youth poetry slam! For the [first time since April 2019](#), the championship event will take place in person at the Arlene Schnitzer concert hall in downtown Portland.

Twenty students from public high schools across Portland and east Multnomah County will perform original spoken word poetry in pursuit of the champion title and a grand prize of \$1,000. The evening is an opportunity for students, educators, and the larger community to support young artists. The poems are joyous, heartbreaking, demanding, hilarious, and always inspiring.

This year, the event will be hosted by Oregon Poet Laureate Anis Mojgani, and a fantastic panel of community judges.

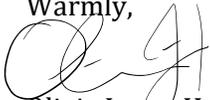
Verselandia! began as an initiative by teacher-librarians in Portland's public high schools, and for more than a decade it has remained an incredible, groundbreaking experience for contestants and the audience alike. We would love for you to join us!

If you are interested in attending with your students and would like to receive free tickets, please fill out this [Request for Tickets Form](#) by April 18. Please request as many tickets as you feel you'll use! Depending on demand, you could receive your entire request, so don't be shy.

Though the event features schools from Portland and east Multnomah County, you are encouraged to request tickets even if you are located outside of these districts.

Please join us in supporting and uplifting student voices! We hope to see you there.

Warmly,



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Event Details:

When: Thursday, April 28, 2022

7:00 p.m.

****Please note the event is in person, and there won't be a virtual component. Masks will be required.**

Where: Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall

1037 SW Broadway Ave

Portland, Oregon 97205

Tickets: Free tickets for student groups: [Request for Tickets Form](#)

[Ticket purchase page](#)

Featuring poets from: Benson, Cleveland, Franklin, Grant, Ida B. Wells, Jefferson, Lincoln, McDaniel, Metropolitan Learning Center, Parkrose, Roosevelt, featuring a calibration poet from Reynolds High School