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2018 Magazine Pacemaker finalists announced

NSPA honors 23 literary arts and 5 specialty/in-depth magazines

MINNEAPOLIS — Honoring the nation's best, the National Scholastic Press Association has named 28 scholastic magazines as finalists in its prestigious Pacemaker competition.

"The Pacemaker is the association's preeminent award," said Laura Widmer, executive director. "NSPA is honored to recognize the best of the best."

The NSPA Pacemaker award has a rich tradition and the association started presenting the award to high school newspapers a few years after the organization was founded in 1921. Throughout the years, yearbooks, magazines, online sites and broadcast programs were added to the competition.

To select the 28 finalists, a team of judges analyzed and discussed 115 entries from 31 states. From the 28 finalists, eight literary arts and five specialty /in-depth magazines will earn Pacemaker honors. Three of the finalists were published by junior high/middle school students.

The Pacemaker finalists represent the top 24 percent and the Pacemaker winners represent the top 11 percent of the entries. The magazines were published during the 2017-18 school year.

To reflect trends in scholastic publishing, a specialty/in-depth category was added to recognize magazines devoted to in-depth reporting on a single topic as well as feature magazines. Traditional newsmagazines continue to compete in the Newspaper/Newsmagazine Pacemaker competition.

"As scholastic media programs shift their daily news reporting to online sites, we are seeing an increase in specialty magazine publishing for in-depth reporting and storytelling," said Gary Lundgren, associate director and coordinator of the Pacemaker competition. "We expect the number of specialty/in-depth magazines to increase each year like it has in our college competition."

Written comments from the judges about each of the Pacemaker-winning magazines will be posted after the winners are announced along with overall comments and observations from the judges. The professional bios of the judges will also be included.

Pacemaker finalists will be recognized with plaques at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 25 at the Opening Ceremony of the Spring National High School Journalism Convention in Anaheim.

Pacemaker winners will be announced and will receive plaques on Saturday, April 27 at 3:30 p.m. and the convention's closing Awards Ceremony where both NSPA and JEA honors will be presented.

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LITERARY ARTS MAGAZINES

BLAM

Brophy College Preparatory
Phoenix, Arizona
Advisers: John Damaso, Austin Pidgeon
Editor: Graham Armknecht

Connotations

Fayetteville High School
Fayetteville, Arkansas
Adviser: Katie Stueart
Editors: Logan Goodwin, Zara Raezer

The Rambler

Sierra Canyon School
Chatsworth, California
Adviser: Susan Turner Jones
Editor: Madison Cole Garfinkle

Ink

The Hotchkiss School
Lakeville, Connecticut
Advisers: Liz Buckles, Brad Faus
Editors: Edward Guo, Dear Liu

Literati

Our Lady of Lourdes Academy
Miami, Florida
Adviser: Rebecca Retana
Editors: Sophia Beceiro, Diana Bunge

Threshold

North Forsyth High School
Cumming, Georgia
Adviser: Elizabeth Smith
Editor: Noah Smith

Phantasm

Saint Ignatius College Prep
Chicago, Illinois
Adviser: Wendy Schmiedeler
Editors: Lizzy George-Griffin, Marilyn Tess

Harbinger

Carmel Catholic High School
Mundelein, Illinois
Advisers: Marcia Meyer, Maria Murczek
Editors: Megan Brinkman, Carolyne Im

Echoes

Rockville High School
Rockville, Maryland
Adviser: Sean Pang
Editor: Jackie de Melo

Mindprints

Jackson Preparatory Junior High School
Flowood, Mississippi
Advisers: Kimberly Reedy, Kathryn Shuff
Editor: Hawthorne Cleveland

Evoke

Oxford High School
Oxford, Mississippi
Adviser: Diala Chaney
Editors: Neely Mullen, Anna Renfroe

Hatch

Bigfork High School
Bigfork, Montana
Adviser: Louis Jessop
Editors: Castor Conley, Kyle Cumming,
Cassie Dawn

Changing Perspectives

Delaware Valley Regional High School
Frenchtown, New Jersey
Adviser: Molly Esposito
Editors: Maggie Erwin, Isabelle LoSapio

Roars and Whispers

Providence Senior High School
Charlotte, North Carolina
Adviser: Marva Hutchinson
Editors: Emma Carter, Allie Debe, Zoe Knepp,
Paige Thomas

Inkblot

Kealing Middle School
Austin, Texas
Adviser: Kristen Scott
Editors: Danielle Gu, Nora Kelly, Kyra Kleiman,
Zoe Rabinowitz

The Calliope

Geneva School of Boerne
Boerne, Texas
Adviser: Becky Ryden
Editor: Ruth Wacker

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The Marque

St. Mark's School of Texas

Dallas, Texas

Advisers: Lynne Schwartz, GayMarie Vaughan

Editors: Matthew Coleman, C.J. Crawford

Mini-Marque

St. Mark's School of Texas Middle School

Dallas, Texas

Advisers: Danielle Clayton, Meagan Frazier

Editors: Jeffery Chen, Alex Geng

Vibrato

The Hockaday School

Dallas, Texas

Adviser: Ana Rosenthal

Editors: Payton Hart, Claire Marucci

Reflections

Cistercian Preparatory School

Irving, Texas

Adviser: Stephen Gregg

Editor: Matthew Dorn

The Lost Art

McKinney High School

McKinney, Texas

Advisers: Kaitlin Christian, Katye Rutledge

Editors: Mena Bahram, Austyne Chetwood,
Kaley Polk

Opus

Oakton High School

Vienna, Virginia

Adviser: Susan Sullivan

Editors: Sayrin Kang, Ana Catarina Medas

The Talon

Woodberry Forest School

Woodberry Forest, Virginia

Advisers: Karen Broaddus, Rich Broaddus

Editors: Trip Hurley, Max Johns, Kyle Kauffman

**SPECIALITY/IN-DEPTH
MAGAZINES**

Exploration by the Realm

Thomas Downey High School

Modesto, California

Adviser: Rene Guevara

Editor: Hannah Hightman

Panorama Magazine by The Chronicle

Harvard-Westlake School

Studio City, California

Adviser: Jim Burns

Editors: Nicole Kim, Alena Rubin

"Where Are They Now?" by The Kirkwood Call

Kirkwood High School

Kirkwood, Missouri

Adviser: Mitch Eden

Editors: Camille Baker, Hannah Cohen, Chloe
Hooker

Backcountry Review

Springfield High School

Springfield, Oregon

Adviser: Ivan Miller

Editors: Emma Babcock, Ruby Lohne, Kiley
McCurry

Focus Magazine by The ReMarker

St. Mark's School of Texas

Dallas, Texas

Adviser: Ray Westbrook

Editor: Kobe Roseman