Leacock Museum announces Connor Poetry Prize winners

For immediate release (June 13, 2019) – After receiving submissions from across Ontario, the Stephen Leacock Museum National Historic Site in conjunction with the family of K. Valerie Connor are pleased to announce the winners of the 4th annual Connor Poetry Prize.

“The response we had this year for the annual Connor Poetry Prize was tremendous,” said Tom Rose, Collections and Program Supervisor. “We had a really strong list of contenders with really great pieces. Everyone who entered should be very proud of themselves.”

The contest winners are as follows:

**Elementary Category**

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<td>Corbin Hoffmann of Waterloo</td>
<td>&quot;The Dragon&quot;</td>
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<td>Orla Hockmann of Toronto</td>
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<td>Mistica Mariaynesan of Scarborough</td>
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**Student Category**

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<td>Shu Jing Li of Toronto</td>
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<td>Julia Felgner of Oro-Medonte</td>
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<td>Hannah Nie of North York</td>
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<td>Faith B. Jones of Cobourg</td>
<td>&quot;The Colliers' Soft-shoe Shuffle&quot;</td>
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<td>Kate Felix of Toronto</td>
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The public is invited to the **K. Valerie Connor Memorial Poetry Celebration on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at the Leacock Museum, 50 Museum Dr., at 3 p.m.** to hear the winning poems and honour the winning poets. Light refreshments will be served and there is no fee for admission to the celebration.

Follow the Leacock Museum on Facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/LeacockMuseum/](https://www.facebook.com/LeacockMuseum/) where the winning poems will be posted following the poetry celebration.

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