

POETRY FESTIVAL PROGRAM

LOWER SECONDARY

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

7:30 p.m.

Host: Thomas Rompf, Colegio Bolívar

Unpublished Poetry

Adult Speakers: Anne Marie Drozd (Colombo Britanico), Sue Lui (Colegio Bolivar)

Published Poetry

Group Poetry

Dramatic Poetry

Refreshments provided by the Colombo Britanico

PLEASE REMEMBER . . .

- Turn off all cellular phones and pagers during the performance.
- Participants will be sitting on the right side of the auditorium.
- Stay seated during the recitals.
- No talking during the recitals.
- Try to keep younger members of your family in their seats and quiet during the performance.
- Applause AFTER the recital has been performed.
- Remain seated until the end of the performance.

...Thank You

ORIGINAL POETRY

A Busy Day

You wake up late at ten,
Waiting for a new, great day,
But the day has already began:
Make your bed,
Wash your teeth,
Make your mom a cold, ice tea
Wash the dog,
Pray for peace,
What a busy day for me.

Sasha Gutierrez, Colegio Bennett

God

Do you believe in God?
Well I do.

He had created all the things we can see
And even the ones we cannot.
Like the sun rising every morning
Through those beautiful marvelous mountains.

Or the stars twinkling every night
Sending us messages of peace.

God lives in our hearts and that's why he can
help us in rough situations.

God has made a paradise called Earth for us to
live,
But we are destroying it; please, don't do that.

Think of the beauty of a blue and fresh river,
Or the majestic colors of the rainbow,
And you will understand the meaning of this
thought.

God is everywhere yesterday, today, and
always.

Juan Sebastián Marmolejo, Colegio Bennett

My Country, My Pride

What is it about Colombia that I love?
Might it be his people, might be his sun,
But it can also be his smile
To which my heart surrenders.

Colombia, my country,
Full of misleading images
That can only close your hearts,
Close them to the unknown.

Colombia has been attacked,
Has been shot into an empty place,
Full of darkness and pain.

But knowing people who don't lack hope
Is like breathing the sunshine
That passes through the wind.

The hope we need must reign our minds
Depends on our lives.
We have not been destroyed,
Just hypnotized by wizards in the sky.

Maria Isabel Rodríguez, Colegio Británico

Blue

Sky as blue as
clouds that are like
water we find in
pools or in
rivers or maybe in the
ocean. Also, in the
sea that receives blue
rain from the sky and becomes
ice that is as cold as your
imagination that only thinks in
peace that is better than
war that only brings us blood. And we want
blue dreams like the
moon that is in the
space of the
dark blue sky

Felipe Congote, Juan Pablo Enríquez, Colegio

Jefferson

O R I G I N A L P O E T R Y

I Remember that Night...

I remember that night I began to fight
And trying to understand why are they like that??

I try to explain myself why can't I be me
I have to pretend to play and to live.

People are bad I know that
But why can't they think we are all part of this.

People just kill, people just fight,
They don't care if others are wrong or right.

Help me God to stop them cry,
Help me please to make them fly,
Fly away from anger and war,
Help me God to end this war!

I remember that night I began to fight
And trying to understand why are they like that??

But if I think harder and put all in place
They're not all the trouble, we are also part of this
phase.

So just think about how you can help
'cause there's more than one way..

Just try to make and create different ways,
Try to preserve all we have left...

People are bad, I know that
But please understand we're becoming like that!!!!

Let's keep on fighting, let's keep on trying,
We'll see that soon we're going to win...

But I still keep on thinking...
Why are we like this?

Vanessa Villegas, Colegio Británico

NONE

A strange day
Is going to begin
Prepare to be afraid
And follow the swing.

A sudden morning
I woke up,
The moon was shining,
O oops!
And the vampires were up.

Is 10:00 o'clock in Dallas
I'm going out to dine,
Wearing my pajamas
Oh! I forgot
I have a meeting at nine.

Cats are barking
My friend is saying moooo,
She pretends to be a queen
And there's nothing I can do.

My head is in the universe
I'm talking to my mother
I'm telling her don't worry,
Go to the toilet and call my brother.

These are sentences
Without sense
But on a strange day
Anything can happen today.

Catalina Suárez, Catalina Rueda, Colegio
Jefferson



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U N P U B L I S H E D P O E T R Y

Angélica Gutiérrez	Colegio Cañaverales	<i>Why</i> , Nathelie Molina
Felipe Rivas	Colegio Bolívar	<i>Stolen Innocence</i>
Maria Clara Calderón	Colegio Jefferson	<i>Blue</i> , Felipe Congote, Juan Pablo Enriquez
Iván A. Olano	Colegio Ingles de los Andes	<i>What I'm Gonna Do</i>
María Isabel Rodríguez	Colegio Colombo Británico	<i>My Country, My Pride</i>
Juan Sebastián Marmolejo	Colegio Bennett	<i>God</i>
Egred		
Gabriela Duran	Colegio Bolívar	<i>Here with Me</i>
Andrea Tuscon	Colegio Cañaverales	<i>I Love You</i>
Nicolás Rodríguez	Colegio Jefferson	<i>Afraid</i>
Vanessa Villegas	Colegio Colombo Británico	<i>I Remember That Night</i>
Sasha Gutiérrez Montaña	Colegio Bennett	<i>A Busy Day</i>
Angélica Gutiérrez	Colegio Cañaverales	<i>Why</i> , Nathelie Molina
Felipe Rivas	Colegio Bolívar	<i>Stolen Innocence</i>

P U B L I S H E D P O E T R Y

Alejandro Gallo	Colegio Cañaverales	<i>The Bat</i> , Theodore Roethke
Isabela Marín	Colegio Jefferson	<i>The Butterbean Tent</i> , Elizabeth Roberts
Anita Grajales	Colegio Bolívar	<i>The Fly</i> , William Blake
Luz Alba Gallo	Colegio Ingles de los Andes	<i>Donnybrook</i> , James Stephens
Ana María Jaramillo Pérez	Colegio Colombo Británico	<i>Truth</i> , Barrie, Wade
Luisa García Rebolledo	Colegio Bennett	<i>Us</i> , Shel Silverstein
Melissa Hernández	Colegio Hebreo Jorge Isaacs	<i>Is Heaven in the Yellow Pages</i>
Vanesa Oviedo	Colegio Cañaverales	<i>When I Close My Eyes</i> , Aimee Rusli
Julián Franky	Colegio Bolívar	<i>Negro</i> , Langston Hughes
Ángela María Quintero	Colegio Jefferson	<i>I'm Nobody</i> , Walt Whitman
Emma Urdinola	Colegio Ingles de los Andes	<i>Never</i> , Anonymous
Virginia Contreras	Colegio Colombo Británico	<i>Alone in the Dark</i> , Anon.
Liliana Ibarra	Colegio Hebreo Jorge Isaacs	<i>Eating is a Sin</i>

G R O U P P O E T R Y

Christian Zapata, Juan Camilo Ramírez, Marcela Peña, Isabella Jaramillo, Danny Trujillo, María Teresa Feijo, Mañuela Nieves, Oscar Díaz	Colegio Cañaverales	<i>Sara Cynthia Sylvia Staut Would Not Take...</i> , Shel Silverstein
Alejandro Zamorano, Sebastián Olano	Colegio Jefferson	<i>Death</i> , Alejandro Zamorano, Sebastian Olano
Melissa Quintero, Isabella Guzman, Daniela Mejia	Colegio Bolívar	<i>Still I Rise</i> , Maya Angelou
Valentina Larreño, Laura Chaquea	Colegio Ingles de los Andes	<i>A Child's Dream</i> , F. Canford
Luisa García Rebolledo, Melissa Gallego Estrada, Laura Franco García	Colegio Bennett	<i>Where The Sidewalk Ends</i> , Shel Silverstein
María del Mar Lemos, Aleyda Flores, David Bacal, Felipe Fuentes, Andrés Escobar, Andrés Bueno, Viviana Gaviria, Daniela Valencia	Colegio Cañaverales	<i>The Listeners</i> , Walter de la Mare
Catalina Rueda, Catalina Suárez	Colegio Jefferson	<i>None</i> , Catalina Rueda, Catalina Suarez
Irene Cadavid, Gabriela Ravassa, Cristina Echeverri	Colegio Bolívar	<i>What If</i>
Diego Benítez, Andrés F. Muñoz	Colegio Ingles de los Andes	<i>The Shell</i> , James Stephens
Natalia María Aguilera Girón, David Bromét	Colegio Colombo Británico	<i>Growing Up</i> , Wes Magee
Aserráis, Tatiana Fontalvo Silva, Mauricio Hermanes Tascon, María Fernanda Osorio Umaña, María Juliana Reina Saavedra, Karen Andrea Rivera Gaviria		

D R A M A T I C P O E T R Y

Natalia Irigorri Escobar, Diana Aljure Saavedra, Marcela Palau Becerra, Catalina Jaramillo Moncayo, Juliana Zuñiga Agudelo	Colegio Colombo Británico	<i>Film Star</i> , Ian Serailler
Hanny Ordóñez, Ana María Usubillaga, Juliana Román	Colegio Cañaverales	<i>Incident in a Rose Garden</i> , Donald Justice
Juan Esteban Agudelo, Esteban Pinto	Colegio Bolívar	<i>I'm Feeling Very Ill</i>
Maria del Pilar Micanda, Angela Lucia Balocco, Stefanie Claussen	Colegio Jefferson	<i>Today</i> , Gordon Korman
Carolina Garzón Montoya, Alexandra Ossa Gomez, Claudia García Calvo, Sol Orejuela Oquendo, Isabella Mosquera Jaramillo, Valentina Saa Mosquera	Colegio Bennett	<i>Sick</i> , Shel Silverstein
Natalia Irigorri Escobar, Diana Aljure Saavedra, Marcela Palau Becerra, Catalina Jaramillo Moncayo, Juliana Zuñiga Agudelo	Colegio Colombo Británico	<i>Rock 'n' Roll Band</i> , Shel Silverstein

O R I G I N A L P O E T R Y

A Stolen Innocence

So many memories still remain, of those that suffer

A cold shadow that numbs his veins
Spectators of a mindless cruelty of those whose soul
Is consumed by rage

A child's cry that screams for justice
A child's sorrow for he has lived
A child's whose laughter is far from reality
A child's whose dreams are broken by hands of those that sin.

A child's whose toys are exchanges for weapons

A child's whose purpose is to destroy
A child's whose motives has been molded
Fighting senseless battles for those that come behind

To continue towards their lasting goal of being unchained
From the violence, their eyes once saw

Lasting memories that feel the pain
Lasting horrors that once were felt
A stolen innocence and stolen soul
Stained by blood and senseless eyes
Of a child that screams and moans for freedom
Screeching souls that want to live,
Who sense the pain?
And regret being born

Felipe Rivas, Colegio Bolivar

Why can't you be here with me?

You can be here
And you can be there
You can be anywhere

In the south or in the north
You can travel back and forth

In the east or in the west
You can be where you think best

You can be far or you can be near
You can be where you never fear

You can be where the grass grows white
And where the sun burns sunny bright light

In the cold or in the hot
But you can go further
Is that right or not?

I think that's right cause the best place of all
Is here with me

But that cannot happen
Cause now you're not here
You're not in the south
You're not in the north

You're not in the east
And you're not in the west
Instead you're in the place that you'll rest

You're up there in peace
Where the clouds grow best
But why did you go?
Why did you fall?

Why didn't you finish walking your trail?

So I say goodbye to this person I loved
And he's not here with me
And he's not in the sea

But she's looking at me
She's thinking of me
She's watching me
And thinking and thinking
Why can't she be here with me?

Gabriela Durán, Colegio Bolivar

O R I G I N A L P O E T R Y

Death

I Love You

I fear
I fear death
I know it's coming
It's hidden in the shadows
At midnight

My hand is trembling
I just can't tolerate my heart stopping
Death is crawling
It's following my footsteps

I feel a bony hand on my shoulder
I feel goose bumps through my body
All I hear is my mind saying
"your death is very near"

I'm afraid
I'm afraid of death
I know it's coming
But is no longer in the shadows
It's behind me
And I don't want to look back and see
The thing that I'm wishing to leave

I fear
I fear death

Alejandro Zamorano, Sebastián Olano, Colegio Jefferson

Afraid

All the people
Feed their lives with
Rare lies that make them
All afraid, but
If they clear their minds from
Disasters, peace will arrive

Nicolas Rodriguez, Colegio Jefferson

Through the ages,
No poem or word could ever completely
Express my love for you.
Your love speaks to my heart
My desires for you are so meaningful,
Honest, and so true of abiding love.
No words could ever express these feelings
That I have for you inside my heart.
Or even help define my emotions.
A new range of my feelings
Are being explored,
Ever since that first sensation.
But I can say to you now.
Encourage, trust, and appreciate you.
Of all the words I could ever say or write,
One wish is most important,
That couldn't express my feelings more,
Or ensure that our relationship will last,
And our hopes and dreams will be pure,
And the words are,
I love you...

Andrea Tascon Pinzón, Colegio Cañaverlas



Thanks for coming... See you next year...