



# THE 40th ANNUAL ARIZONA MATSURI 2024

Saturday & Sunday, February 24-25, 2024  
Steele Indian School Park 300 E Indian School Rd., Phoenix, AZ

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## ***HAIKU Submission Guidelines***

### BACKGROUND

In the spirit of raising awareness of the arts and culture of Japan to the people of Arizona, we challenge you to write your own Arizona-inspired HAIKU.

Haiku poems typically contain a reference to images of nature. They use simple concrete images of things we can see, smell, taste, touch, or feel. The best haiku poems reveal the essence of a thing so clearly that the reader can experience the momentary scene or insight that inspired the author.

### GENERAL OVERVIEW AND CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Start Date of Submissions: December 1, 2023

Deadline Submitted ONLINE by midnight Feb 16th, 2024

Submissions accepted online only

Festival Date: Saturday and Sunday, February 24-25, 2024

Announcements of selected Haiku will be posted on the Arizona Matsuri web site.

Recognition of outstanding Haiku will be presented in the following six categories:

- 1) Grades K-3
- 2) Grades 4-6
- 3) Grades 7-8
- 4) Grades 9-12
- 5) Adults
- 6) Japanese language

\*All categories are open to residents of Arizona. Selected entries in each category will be published online at [azmatsuri.org](http://azmatsuri.org) and displayed at the Haiku booth at the Arizona Matsuri event.



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**Please read these guidelines carefully. Submissions that do not follow these guidelines will be disqualified.** Haiku submitted are to be previously unpublished original work by the author submitting. Please refer to the **Reference Guide and Lesson Plan** as well as the **Terms and Conditions** documents for further details and example Haiku before submitting your Haiku. Entries can be submitted only online.

- Entrants may submit up to three (3) Haiku.
- Submit each Haiku using the **Online Form**.
- All category submissions are free of charge.
- When submitting via the **Online Form**, your submission will be reviewed in a way to ensure anonymous selections.
- Please do not include a title.
- Please read the definition of Haiku below and in the **Reference Guide** document.
- Selected Haiku in each category will be published on the Arizona Matsuri website.
- Arizona Matsuri reserves the right to publish, either online or in print for the purpose of promoting the Arizona Matsuri. Authors retain copyright to their work.
- Only selected Haiku will be published on the Arizona Matsuri website.
- Submitted Haiku will not be returned.
- Selected entries will be on display during the event.
- By participating in this Haiku Expo, each entrant accepts and agrees to comply with and abide

by the **Terms and Conditions** posted under Haiku Expo on the Arizona Matsuri website at [www.azmatsuri.org](http://www.azmatsuri.org)

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The **Online Form** is linked to the Arizona Matsuri web site [www.azmatsuri.org](http://www.azmatsuri.org)

General inquiries can be submitted by email to the Arizona Matsuri Haiku Committee.

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