



2026 Semi-Finalists

CREATIVE WRITING

| Name | | Grade | School |
|---------|------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| Lauren | Ashelman | 12 | Springboro High School |
| Lorelai | Bauman | 11 | Seven Hills School |
| Devi | Kool | 11 | Wyoming High School |
| Trey | Lacinak | 12 | Mariemont High School |
| Olivia | Landry | 11 | Villa Madonna Academy |
| Maya | Schwartz | 12 | Randall Cooper High School |
| Logan | Schwartz | 10 | Randall Cooper High School |
| Angela | Tang | 11 | William Mason High School |
| Jai | Tate | 12 | Ohio Connections Academy |
| Emilia | Watka | 11 | School For Creative Performing Arts |
| Evelyn | Wesolowski | 11 | Northwest High School |

DANCE

| Name | | Grade | School |
|-----------|------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| Brinkli | Cox | 10 | Homeschool |
| Nora | Doyle | 11 | School For Creative Performing Arts |
| Easton | Gliebe | 11 | Ohio Virtual Academy |
| Elise | Hellmann | 12 | Highlands High School |
| Maren | Hunley | 12 | Mount Notre Dame High School |
| Haydyn | Jackson | 10 | Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy |
| Riley | Neugebauer | 12 | Turpin High School |
| Victoria | Niu | 12 | Walnut Hills High School |
| Lily Mae | Smith | 11 | Ohio Virtual Academy |
| Cristiano | Tempfli | 10 | Sycamore High School |
| Nishita | Vangala | 10 | William Mason High School |
| Leah | Zimmerly | 10 | Wyoming High School |



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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

| Name | | Grade | School |
|---------------|---------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| Owin | Abeyasinghe | 9 | Indian Hill High School |
| Beckett | Cerón | 11 | Seven Hills School |
| Annie | Li | 12 | William Mason High School |
| Sonya | Moomaw | 10 | School For Creative Performing Arts |
| Autumn | Rinaldi | 11 | Cincinnati Country Day School |
| Sophia | Suwiryo | 11 | Summit Country Day School |
| Alexander | Wang | 10 | Walnut Hills High School |
| Mario AgustÃn | Ynga Orellana | 10 | Walnut Hills High School |
| Grace | Yu | 12 | Indian Hill High School |
| Jenna | Zhang | 10 | William Mason High School |

THEATER

| Name | | Grade | School |
|----------|-----------|-------|------------------------------------|
| Maeve | Bachman | 12 | Sycamore High School |
| Zander | Brewer | 12 | Lakota West High School |
| Avery | Fox | 12 | Homeschool |
| Desmond | Hutchens | 10 | Campbell County High School |
| Annabel | Jasinoski | 12 | Milford High School |
| Avery | Kaufman | 12 | Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy |
| Caroline | Lovelace | 12 | Walnut Hills High School |
| Elliot | Martin | 11 | Highlands High School |
| Adah | Mosher | 11 | Walnut Hills High School |
| Jai'Den | Pritchett | 11 | Sycamore High School |
| Natalie | Schmall | 11 | Ursuline Academy |
| Naomi | Wanko | 11 | Talawanda High School |
| Isabella | Weir | 9 | Seven Hills School |
| Lydia | Wright | 12 | Mercy McAuley High School |



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VISUAL ART

| Name | | Grade | School |
|----------|----------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| Edie | Anderson | 12 | School For Creative Performing Arts |
| Rivkah | Green | 11 | Indian Hill High School |
| Jinming | Gu | 11 | Indian Hill High School |
| Cordelia | Holland | 12 | School Creative Performing Arts |
| Vivian | Jenkins | 12 | Indian Hill High School |
| Riley | Judd | 12 | School For Creative Performing Arts |
| Danica | Lee | 12 | School For Creative Performing Arts |
| Tessa | Long | 12 | Seton High School |
| Jenisha | Rana | 12 | Indian Hill High School |
| Lydia | Wilson | 12 | Oak Hills High School |
| Ronan | Wolfer | 12 | Loveland High School |
| Serena | Zhang | 12 | William Mason High School |

VOCAL MUSIC

| Name | | Grade | School |
|-----------|------------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| Kiersten | Bennett | 11 | Scott High School |
| Roland | Hensley | 10 | Highlands High School |
| Genevieve | Howard | 12 | Newport Central Catholic High School |
| Adelaide | Linser | 12 | Walnut Hills High School |
| Marin | Longbottom | 12 | Indian Hill High School |
| Raymond | Muenzer | 12 | Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy |
| Logan | Nerlinger | 12 | Oak Hills High School |
| Reina | Ryan | 11 | Lakota East High School |
| Lorenza | Schweitzer | 11 | Highlands High School |
| Sahana | Siddharth | 10 | Seven Hills School |
| Jenavieve | Southcombe | 10 | School Creative Performing Arts |
| Eden | Walker | 10 | School Creative Performing Arts |
| William | Wittekind | 12 | Saint Xavier High School |