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# **Contributors**

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# Contributors

#### Mac Allen:

Mac Allen was born and raised in Northwest Arkansas and has been writing from a young age. As a child, she and her brothers spent time playing in the woods and hiking through the Arkansas hills. Her poetry is a reflection of this upbringing and deals heavily in blending natural and human attributes to weave queer narratives.

# **Wyatt Backer:**

Hi, I'm Wyatt. I'm a junior and first-year English major here at the university. This is my first submission of any type to anyone other than my writing classes.

# Ryan Baker:

Ryan Baker is a fourth-year English Creative Writing Major here at the University of Arkansas. He spends his time making music, performing theatre, as well as reading and writing comics.

# Samantha Bennington:

Samantha Bennington is from Dallas, Texas, but, is a sophomore at the University of Arkansas. She is a marketing major but has a passion for writing. This is her first poem she has ever submitted, and she hopes this will be the start of many. She also is a part of a sorority on campus, Phi Mu, where she is highly involved.

#### Emma Bracken:

Emma Bracken is a sophomore student studying English/Journalism at the University of Arkansas and a writer for Hill Magazine. In her spare time, she writes poetry to explore the nooks and crannies of her mind, and to make some sense of the bejeweled parts of life that sting to look directly at.

#### **India Carlson:**

India Carlson is a senior undergraduate student majoring in interdisciplinary studies, with focuses on anthropology, history, and rhetoric studies. India is a Fayetteville native, and soon-to-be fifth generation University of Arkansas alumni. India is a creative by heart, and in her spare time enjoys reading, gardening, wandering museums, baking, working in floral design, and spending time with her family. India hopes to pursue a post-graduate education in either museum studies or English.

#### **Abigail Cavalier:**

My name is Abigail Cavalier. I am a freshman majoring in architecture with a minor in sustainability. I have been drawing and painting for as long as I can remember. Art is my passion, my hobby, my joy, and a piece of myself.

# Taya Coffman:

I am a transfer student who is very passionate about abstract painting through acrylics. I love to try new forms of art methods and I have found that I also enjoy using charcoal. I am eager to grow and find new ways to express my creativity in my artwork.

# Lily Bea Dilinger:

Lily Bea Dillinger is from Perryville, Arkansas and is a senior pursuing her Bachelors in English Creative Writing. She has had a passion for writing since childhood. When not writing, she can often be found engaging in other artistic hobbies such as painting, thrifting, listening to music, and enjoying nature. She plans to pursue a M.F.A. in Creative Writing with the goal of furthering her future as an aspiring writer.

# Janie Ellis:

Janie Ellis, a multidsciplinary artist from Broken Arrow, OK, is attending the University of Arkansas to pursue an art career. Janie's work is connected to aspects of psychology and experiences of her life and others. She is inspired by the power art has to connect to people and evoke emotions.

# India B. Hampton:

I am an undergraduate at the University of Arkansas majoring in English, journalism, and African and African American studies and minoring in political science. I am a barista by trade and spend my free time racing against library book return dates.

#### Michael Kiele:

The amazing textures and organic shapes in the natural world have a profound influence in my artistic expression. Having worked closely in habitat restoration, my attempt is to bring attention to the beautiful and precious plants and animals we might overlook.

#### Wes Koch:

Wes Koch is a history-major from Fayetteville Arkansas. He combines his love for history and science fiction/fantasy to create impactful, entertaining, and often horrific stories.

# **Jasmine Hsueh-Ting Lee:**

Jasmine Hsueh-Ting Lee is a third-year student at the University of Arkansas pursuing a major in English/Creative Writing and a minor in Journalism. She was a Managing Editor for Issues 5 and 7 of The Diamond Line. Issue 8 will house her second and third publications with the magazine. If she's not writing, she's probably thinking about writing.

#### Jason Marecki:

Jason Marecki is a sophomore majoring in English Education at the University of Arkansas. He enjoys hammocking and co-hosting a radio show on KXUA with his friends.

# **Evan Meyers:**

Evan Meyers is a passionate photographer who fell in love with photography in their hometown of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Beginning with digital photography, they later ventured into the captivating world of film. For digital photography, Evan shoots with a Canon R6, and for analog photography, his main camera is a Pentax K1000. Beyond their art, Evan is dedicated to studying Computer Science

where he hopes to one day become a software developer.

# **Emma Ming:**

Emma Ming is an amateur photographer based in Fayetteville, Arkansas. She takes inspiration for her work based on landscapes and animals. Her work is centered around the places we live, the things we interact with, and the natural world. Her work has never been published.

#### Anna R:

Anna is a sophomore at the University of Arkansas, working towards a degree in English rhetoric. They have always been interested in reading and analyzing poetry, but she did not start seriously writing until she enrolled in a creative writing course this last semester. As a queer person, Anna often draws inspiration from their relationship with gender and sexuality. However, she also frequently writes about the AFAB experience, religious trauma, and battling mental illness.

#### **Micah Stafford:**

Just think of something, anything: I'm an apple-picker who moonlights as a mime, I dance in cold showers, Paul Eluard is my great half-uncle, I was raised by a Corsican nun named Belinda... anything you want, that's me.

#### Emma Zenthoefer:

Emma Zenthoefer is a 19-year-old Oklahoman writer aspiring to become the next great fiction novelist. After taking a creative writing class in high school and college, she has written several short stories and is currently working on finishing her first novel. She has been writing since she was a child, even jotting down stories in the back of old elementary school notebooks. She has never been published before.