

SHORT STORY AWARD FOR NEW WRITERS

1st Place

Maxime Kawawa-Beaudan receives $2,500 for "Waiting for Fireworks."

There was the brotherhood of long friendship between us, a channel that was open without any need for preamble.

Maxime Kawawa-Beaudan is an eighteen-year-old Bay Area native and a freshman at the University of California, Berkeley, pursuing a B.A. in Computer Science with a minor in Creative Writing. He is a 2017 National YoungArts Foundation finalist in writing. This will be his first major print publication. Find him at www.mkbstories.com.

2nd Place

Kristen Hamelin Tracey receives $500 for "A New World."

Perry didn't know what to do with those first few minutes. No boyfriend No relationship with God to speak of. In the end she sent a text to Sophie.

Kristen Hamelin Tracey lives in New York City with her husband and their cat Maisie, named after the Henry James character. She has an MFA from City College of New York and served as the Managing Editor of *Fiction* for two years. Her previous publications include nonfiction in *The Millions* and fiction in *Prick of the Spindle*, *Euphony*, and *Waccamaw*. This is her first major print publication.

3rd Place

Oliver Kammeyer receives $300 for "They'll Fix That in Turkey."

Ali, the concierge, said there was a girl in the second-floor linen closet again, and he didn't want to deal with it. Instead, he delegated it to the American bell boy, Gerard.

Oliver Kammeyer was born in Tucson, Arizona, where he received his BA in Creative Writing from the University of Arizona and currently resides. He recently completed his MFA in Fiction at Emerson College, Boston, and is polishing his thesis to publish as his first novel.