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PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS (number of contestants)

- Academy of Holy Angels (19)
- Apple Valley High School (33)
- Benilde-St. Margaret's (122)
- Bloomington Kennedy High School (47)
- Breck School (63)
- Central High School (67)
- Chanhassen High School (21)
- Chaska High School (32)
- Como Park Senior High School (39)
- Convent of the Visitation (9)
- Harding High School (57)
- Highland Park Senior High School (19)
- Humboldt High School (1)
- International School of Minnesota (28)
- Lake Country School (94)
- Lakeville South High School (37)
- Mes Amis French School (7)
- Minnehaha Academy (4)
- Minnetonka High School (22)
- Mounds View High School (21)
- Northfield High School (34)
- Robbinsdale Cooper High School (9)
- Rochester Century High School (85)
- Rochester John Marshall High School (126)
- Rochester Mayo High School (105)
- Roseville Area High School (13)
- St. Paul Academy & Summit School (48)
- St. Peter Middle & High Schools (30)
- Stillwater Area High School (17)
- Tartan High School (14)

1223 performances

Levels
- Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced

Categories
- Prose & Poetry
  - solo, small and large groups
- Extemporaneous Reading
- Theater
- Song
  - solo, small and large groups

FINAL AWARDS 2017

- 616 Blue Medals (excellent)
- 437 Red Medals (very good)
- 164 White Medals (good)
- 6 Participation Certificates
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Contest Team

Mme Anne Muske, coordinator
Mme Clare Hagen, scheduling and awards
Mme Betsy Kerr, judges and on-site

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