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Why simply complain about the subway when you can complain with poetry?

Corie Feiner won the "Vent Your Inspiration" subway poetry contest Sunday night for her work, "Subway Pastoral."

Judges whittled the competition down to 14 winners and runners-up, who read their work to a packed house last night at the Bowery Poetry Club.

"Since the subway is something that people use every day, and so many people complain about it for various reasons, I thought that we could do something much more fun than writing a complaint letter and actually have a community event to have people express what they want to change on the subway," said event organizer Susanna Zaraysky.

The Straphangers Campaign is sending the winning poems to the MTA and Governor-elect Eliot Spitzer, asking them to address the issues the poems bring up, including issues about air quality, service, station and train conditions.

More than 170 poets entered the contest, including NY1 associate producer Joan Vollero, who won in the air quality category.

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