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Cannon Poets

Established in 1983, Cannon Poets meet monthly in Moseley, Birmingham. They also arrange workshops, readings and displays of members' work and produce a quarterly magazine, the Cannon's Mouth.

To view the 2013 competition winners and see more information about Cannon Poets and its activities please see our website:

www.cannonpoets.org.uk

Enter and pay on line or post completed form with poems and correct fee to:

**Cannon Poets,
22 Margaret Grove,
Harborne,
Birmingham.
B17 9JH**

Sonnet or Not

Cannon Poets Poetry Competition 2014

Cannon Poets are pleased to announce the return of their popular **Sonnet or Not** Competition. You are invited to write a poem or poems of just fourteen lines in length. You may choose any one of the traditional sonnet forms, or experiment with alternative 14 line forms perhaps using half rhyme, metarhyme or blank verse.

Prizes

First Prize: **£400**; Second Prize: **£200**; Third Prize: **£100**

Special Offer

Submit at least one poem with the correct fee to become eligible for one year subscription to *The Cannon's Mouth* [in which winning entries and the judge's report will be published] discounted from the usual £13.00 to £11.00 [UK] or from £20 to £18 [outside UK].

Entries

An entry will consist of one 14 line poem typed on a sheet of A4 paper [please use at least 12 point typeface]. Please ensure that each entry has its own title. There is no limit to the number of entries providing the fees are paid. Use several entry forms if necessary. The entry fee is £4.00 for the first poem and £2.50 for each additional poem submitted. Alternatively, you can now enter on line. Go to www.cannonpoets.org.uk and follow the instructions.

Judging

The final judge will be **Joanna Skelt**, currently Birmingham Poet Laureate (2013-2014). Joanna has read and performed her work extensively and is an experienced writing tutor also working in community arts projects. She has recently completed a PhD in African Literature and is a Research Associate at Birmingham University.

As Laureate, Joanna is working on a sequence of praise poems to the city of Birmingham and various commissions including for World War 1. She has a published collection, a jazz poetry CD and two new collections for which she is seeking publication. A passionate, thoughtful and yet very accessible writer, Joanna is fascinated by place and our global connections and interconnections.



The closing date for entries is 31st October 2014

Sonnet or Not [2014] Poetry Competition
Rules of Entry

GENERAL

1. The closing date of the competition is midnight (UK time), **31st October 2014**.
2. The competition is open to anyone aged 18 or over at the time of entering.
3. International entries are welcome but all entries must be in English.
4. Under no circumstances can alterations be submitted once poems have been entered.
5. The judges' decision is final and neither the judges nor Cannon Poets will enter into any correspondence.
6. No person involved in the judging process is eligible to enter the Competition.
7. No entrant may win more than one prize.

POEMS

8. There is no limit on the number of entries a single entrant can make.
9. Entries will not be returned, so please keep a copy.
10. All entries are judged anonymously and the poet's name must not appear on the poem itself.
11. All poems must have a title and must not exceed 14 lines (excluding title).
12. Entries can be on any subject.
13. Poems must be the original work of the entrant.
14. Entries must not have been published, self-published, published on a website or broadcast.

FEES

15. The first poem submitted costs £4. Subsequent entries in the same submission cost £2.50 per poem.
16. Payments must be made in £ sterling. Entries accompanied by payment in a currency other than £ sterling will not be accepted.

ENTERING ON LINE

17. To enter on line go to **www.cannonpoets.org.uk** and follow the instructions.
18. Payment and submissions may be made directly from the site by credit/debit card. All Internet payments are subject to a £1 administration fee.
19. There is no facility for submitting by separate email.

ENTERING BY POST

20. Each poem should be on a separate sheet of A4 paper, typed or word processed in no smaller than 12 point typeface, and must include ONLY the poem and its title. Do not include your name.
21. A completed entry form and cheque for the correct fee must accompany all postal submissions. Photocopied entrance forms are acceptable.
22. Cheque/postal orders should be made payable to **Cannon Poets**. Please write your name and phone number on the back of cheques.
23. Please include a stamped addressed envelope/postcard with your entry if you would like confirmation that your postal entry has been received and/or notification of results. Telephone or email confirmation of receipt is not available.
24. The postal address is: **Cannon Poets, 22 Margaret Grove, Harborne, Birmingham. B17 9JH**

WINNERS

25. Prize winners will be notified by the end of 31st December 2014
26. The copyright of each poem remains with the author. However, authors of the winning poems, by entering the competition, grant Cannon Poets the right to publish and/or broadcast their poem for one year from date of presentation. Winning poems will be published in *The Cannon's Mouth* and later on the Cannon Poets website. Use of the poems elsewhere during this time is subject to permission from Cannon Poets.

Cannon Poets website: www.cannonpoets.org.uk

ENTRY FORM Cannon Poets 2014 Poetry Competition

First name	OFFICE USE ONLY
Surname or Family Name	Author Number
Contact Address	No. of poems submitted
Postcode	Amount paid £
Telephone (daytime)	Eligible
Email	Not Eligible [Reason]
Title of Poem	[£4 for first entry, £2.50 each additional poem]
	£ 4.00
	£
	£
	£
The Cannon's Mouth special offer subscription @ £11.00 [UK] or £18.00 [outside the UK]	£
TOTAL	£

Method of payment Cheque [£ Sterling only] / Postal Order [payable to Cannon Poets] / Cash / Other [**tick one**]. **Do not send cash by post.**

I have read and agree to the competition rules.

Signed:

Please **acknowledge my entry** [Endorsed SAE enclosed.]

Please **supply a list of winning entries** [SAE enclosed.]