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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 2010 competition winners and see more information about Cannon Poets and its activities please see our website:

www.cannonpoets.org.uk

Please post completed form with poems and correct fee to:

**Cannon Poets,
22 Margaret Grove,
Harborne,
Birmingham**

Sonnet or Not [2012]

Cannon Poets Competition

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

1st Prize £300

2nd Prize £150

3rd 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 £10.50 to £8.50.

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. Several entry forms may be used if necessary. The entry fee is £4.00 for the first poem and £2.50 for each additional poem submitted.

Judging

The final judge will be **Julie Boden**. Julie is a UK poet, based in the Midlands, who travels nationally and internationally delivering workshops, conducting readings, performing, lecturing, mentoring and judging poetry competitions. She is currently Poet in Residence at Symphony Hall Birmingham [website: www.julieboden.co.uk].

**The closing date for entries is
31st October 2012**

Sonnet or Not [2012] Cannon Poets Poetry Competition

Rules of Entry

Entries must be received on or before *31 October 2012* together with £4.00 [Sterling] entry fee for the first poem and £2.50 for each additional poem submitted. Please make cheques payable to *Cannon Poets*.

Entrants must be 18 years or over.

Not more than one prize will be awarded per entrant.

Please attach one completed entry form containing the titles of the poems you are submitting, together with the appropriate entry fee. *Photocopied entry forms will be accepted.*

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. Poems must be 14 lines in length.

If you would like an acknowledgement and/or a list of winning entries, please supply a stamped addressed envelope with your entries [see entry form]. The inclusion of one envelope only will be taken as a request for a list of winning entries unless endorsed 'Acknowledgement'.

Please keep a copy of your work, as entries cannot be returned.

Entries must be entirely the work of the individual and must not have been previously published, nor won a prize in a competition.

The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Entries remain the copyright of the author and may be used by Cannon Poets for publicity purposes until *December 2013*. All winners will be published, together with the judge's assessment, in our magazine 'The Cannon's Mouth' and on our website.

Members of Cannon Poets who are not in any way involved in the organisation and judging of the competition are eligible to enter. Winners will be announced by 31 December 2012.

**For more information visit Cannon Poets website:
www.cannonpoets.org.uk**

ENTRY FORM Cannon Poets 2012 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 subscription @ £8.50	£
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.]