

Blackpool Arts & Libraries Festival of Words 2017 Poetry Competition Rules

POEMS – open to anyone over the age of 16 years living in the UK

- The subject for entries is “Illuminate”.
- Poems must be the original work of the poet.
- Up to a maximum of 3 poems may be submitted.
- Closing date for entries is 11.30pm on 14th August 2017.
- Entries should be written in English and typed.
- Entries must not be published, self-published, published on a website or broadcast before the winner is announced and not currently entered into any other poetry competition.
- Poems must be no more than 40 lines and typed on one side of A4. Include only the poem title and the poem, do not include your name or contact details.
- Please keep a copy of your poem(s) as we will not be able to return manuscripts.
- The poet’s name, email and telephone number and titles of all entries must be clearly entered on the entry form and the form sent in with your poem(s).
- Entries may be emailed to artsdevelopment@blackpool.gov.uk. Enter online or download the entry form on our website, visit www.wordpoolfestival.co.uk
- No correspondence can be entered into and the decision of the judge is final.

FEES

- Entry fee is £4 for one poem, £7 for 2 poems, £10 for 3 poems.
- Payment is accepted online through Eventbrite – www.wordpoolfestival.co.uk

WINNERS

1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize Winners will be announced at a launch event in Blackpool on Thurs 26th October. Competition Judge, Alice Mullen will announce the prize winners at the launch event and the winning poem will be displayed in Blackpool’s World Famous Illuminations, projected onto the Blackpool Tower building. All prize winners will be invited to read their poems at the event.

1st Prize - £200 cash prize and your poem will be made into a poetry film and projected onto Blackpool’s World Famous Tower.

2nd Prize - £200 cash prize. 3rd prize - £100 cash prize.

Wordpool Festival reserves the right to display the winning entry as a projected poetry film and publish winning entries on the internet for up to a year from 26.10.17 and they may be read out and/or posted on radio/TV and in other local media at any time, all without payment of a fee. Copyright remains with the authors. Wordpool Festival is the organiser of the competition and reserves the right not to award prizes.



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