

# caféwriters

## Open Poetry Competition 2024

**Closing Date 14th November 2024**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize, £1000**

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, £300

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, £200

Plus five commended prizes of £50

## **The Norfolk Prize, £100**

For the best poem from a permanent Norfolk resident not winning another prize

## **Sole Judge - John McCullough**

### **Entry Fee**

**£5 per poem, or £13 for 3 poems and £4 per poem thereafter**

**We are offering a free entry of up to two poems to any UK resident with a household income of less than £16,000 for whom the cost of entering would be prohibitive. Your status to claim this will be taken on trust.**

### **Café Writers Open Poetry Competition 2024 Rules**

1. Closing date for receipt of entries: **30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**
2. The Prize is open worldwide to anyone over 18 other than Café Writers committee members.
3. Entries must be entirely the work of the entrant, no posthumous or AI generated poems are acceptable and they must never have been published, self-published, published on any website or recorded [poems read at Open Mics are OK as long as they were not recorded].
4. Please use the form on the second page of this document and include it in the envelope with your submission.
5. Entries must be in English.
6. We regret that entries cannot be returned.
7. Each poem should be printed on a new page and be no more than 40 lines excluding stanza breaks and title. There must be NO name, address or identifying marks on the page other than the title. Poems should be 12-point Times New Roman, single spaced in black with no numbers, pictures, colours or borders.
8. No corrections can be made after receipt, nor fees refunded.
9. Worldwide copyright of poems remains with the author, but Café Writers will have the unrestricted right to publish the winning poems on its website and in competition publicity.
10. The Norfolk Prize is awarded to a permanent Norfolk resident, for a poem not winning another prize.
11. The judge's decision is final, no individual correspondence can be entered into.

Entry implies acceptance of the rules. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

**Prizes:** Prizewinners will be notified in writing by 28th February 2025. A list of prizewinners will be posted in our newsletter, on social media and the website shortly after this. The prizewinning event will take place on Zoom in March 2025

**Donation:** If you would like to donate the cost of an entry to subsidise someone on a low income please add the amount to your total.

**Entries should be sent to:** Café Writers Poetry Competition, 86, Market Place, Burnham Market, PE31 8HD with a cheque payable to **Café Writers**.

If you are a poet on a low household income claiming your the free entry of up to two poems please indicate this by putting the poem/s title/s against 'concession' on the form below.

Enclose a stamped addressed postcard marked ACKNOWLEDGEMENT if you would like confirmation we have received your entry and/or a stamped addressed envelope marked RESULTS if you would like a printed copy of the results.

Alternatively enter and pay online at [www.cafewriters.co.uk](http://www.cafewriters.co.uk)

**Name**.....

**Address**.....

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**email**..... **Phone**.....

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**Please tick to be added to the competition mailing list**

**Poem 1 Title**.....(1 Poem £5)

**Poem 1 Title**.....(Concession)

**Poem 2 Title**.....(2 Poems £10)

**Poem 2 Title**.....(Concession)

**Poem 3 Title**.....(3 Poems £13)

**Poem 4 Title**.....(4 Poems£17)

**Poem 5 Title**.....(5 Poems £21)

**Poem 6 Title**.....(6 Poems £25)