

caféwriters

Open Poetry Competition 2021

Closing Date 30th November 2021

1st Prize, £1000

2nd Prize, £300

3rd 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

Entry Fee

£4 per poem, or £10 for 3 poems and £2 per poem thereafter

We are offering a free entry of one poem 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.

Sole Judge PHILIP GROSS

Philip Gross latest collections are *Between The Islands* (Bloodaxe, 2020) and *Troeon/ Turnings* (Seren, 2021) with Welsh language poet Cyril Jones. He won the T.S. Eliot Prize in 2009, a Cholmondeley Award in 2017, and is a keen collaborator – with artist Valerie Coffin Price on *A Fold In The River* (Seren, 2015), with poet Lesley Saunders on *A Part of the Main* (Mulfran, 2018) and with scientists on *Dark Sky Park* (Otter-Barry, 2018). www.philipgross.co.uk

Rules and Entry Form Overleaf

Café Writers Open Poetry Competition 2021 Rules

1. Closing date for receipt of entries: 30th November 2021
2. The maximum length for each poem is 40 lines (excluding title) on one side of A4.
3. The Prize is open to anyone other than Café Writers committee members.
4. Entries must be entirely the work of the entrant and must never have been published, self-published, published on any website or broadcast.
5. We regret that entries cannot be returned.
6. Entries must be in English.
7. Each poem should start a new page and have NO name, address or identifying marks other than the title. Poems should be 12 point Times New Roman, single spaced in black.
8. No corrections can be made after receipt, nor fees refunded.
9. Worldwide copyright of each entry remains with the author, but Café Writers will have the unrestricted right to publish the winning poems on its website and in press releases publicising the competition.
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 and no individual correspondence can be entered into.

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

Prizes: Prizewinners will be notified in writing by 28th February 2022. A list of prizewinners will be posted on social media, mailing lists and the website after the event at Café Writers on 14th March.

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

Entries should be sent to: Café Writers Poetry Competition, Star House, Star Lane, Rockland St Mary, Norwich, NR14 7BX, with a cheque payable to **Café Writers**. If you are a poet on a low household income claiming your free entry please indicate this by putting the poem's title against 'concession' on the form below. Alternatively enter and pay online at www.cafewriters.co.uk
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.

Name.....

Address.....

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

Please tick to be added to the competition mailing list

Poem 1 Title..... (1 Poem £4)

Poem 1 Title..... (Concession)

Poem 2 Title..... (2 Poems £8)

Poem 3 Title..... (3 Poems £10)

Poem 4 Title..... (4 Poems £12)

Poem 5 Title..... (5 Poems £14)

Poem 6 Title..... (6 Poems £16)