

caféwriters

Open Poetry Competition 2022

Closing Date 14th November 2022

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 Jennifer Wong

Jennifer Wong was born and grew up in Hong Kong. She is the author of several collections including *Goldfish* (Chameleon Press) and a pamphlet, *Diary of a Miu Miu Salesgirl* (Bitter Melon Poetry 2019). Her latest collection, *回家 Letters Home* (Nine Arches Press 2020)—which explores the complexities of history, migration and translation—has been named the PBS Wild Card Choice by Poetry Book Society. She studied at University College, Oxford and completed a creative writing PhD from Oxford Brookes University. She teaches creative writing at Poetry School, Oxford Brookes and City Lit.. In 2020, she founded an online poetry reading series called What We Read Now, featuring reading and conversations with international emerging and established poets. She was the writer-in-residence at *Wasafiri* in 2021, and a visiting fellow at Oxford TORCH this year.

Rules and Entry Form Overleaf

Café Writers Open Poetry Competition 2022 Rules

1. Closing date for receipt of entries: 14th November 2022
2. The maximum length for each poem is 40 lines (excluding title and line breaks) 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 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 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 2023. A list of prizewinners will be posted in our newsletter, on social media and the website shortly after this. The Zoom prizewinning event will be @ Café Writers on the 13th March 2023.

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, 85, Gertrude Rd, Norwich, NR3 4SG 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.

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

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)