

# caféwriters

## Open Poetry Competition 2023

**Closing Date 14th November 2023**

**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

## **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 Martin Figura**

**Martin Figura's** collection and show *Whistle* were shortlisted for the *Ted Hughes Award* and won the 2013 *Saboteur Award for Best Spoken Word Show*. Other prizes include the Poetry Society's 2010 *Hamish Canham Prize* and runner up in the 2017 RSPB/Rialto Poetry Competition. *Shed* (Gatehouse Press) and *Dr Zeeman's Catastrophe Machine* (Cinnamon Press) were both published in 2016 and a new edition of *Whistle* (Cinnamon Press) in 2018. The spoken word show *Dr Zeeman's Catastrophe Machine*, was shortlisted in the 2018 *Saboteur Awards*. He lives in Norwich with Helen Ivory and sciatica. Together during Lockdown, they began hosting Live from The Butchery Zoom readings with leading guest poets, winning the Saboteur Best Regular Spoken Word Night 2021 Award. In 2021 he was Salisbury NHS Writer in Residence, resulting in publication in The Guardian, inclusion on the Poetry Archive and a pamphlet *My Name is Mercy* with Fair Acre Press. His next full collection *The Remaining Men* is due out with Cinnamon Press in 2024.

## **Rules and Entry Form Overleaf**

**Café Writers Open Poetry Competition 2023 Rules**

1. Closing date for receipt of entries: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023
2. Each poem: no more than 40 lines excluding title and stanza breaks on one side of A4.
3. The Prize is open worldwide to anyone over 18 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 or recorded at an open mic night.
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 with no numbers, pictures, colours or borders.
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 2024. 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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**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](http://www.cafewriters.co.uk)

**Name**.....

**Address**.....

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**.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)