

# The Forward Prizes 2009 and The Forward Book of Poetry

Founded by Forward, the **Forward Prizes 2009** will be awarded to leading poets for the:-

**The Forward Prize for Best Collection of Poetry**, worth £10,000, sponsored by Forward Publishing

**The Felix Dennis Prize for Best First Collection of Poetry**, worth £5,000 sponsored by Felix Dennis

**The Forward Prize for Best Single Poem in memory of Michael Donaghy**, worth £1,000, sponsored by Forward Publishing

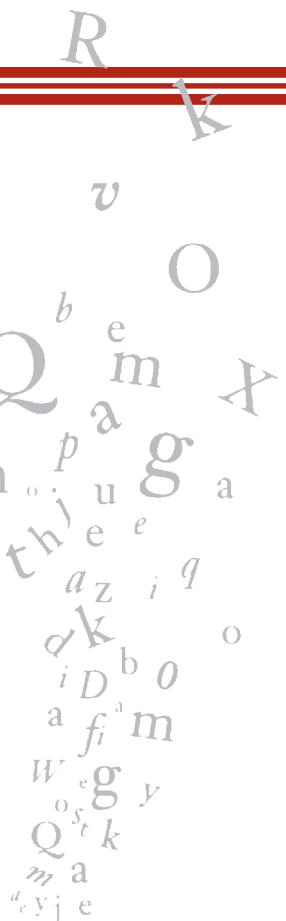
**The Forward Book of Poetry**, an anthology of the year's best poetry, will be selected and compiled from the poems entered for the Forward Prizes.

The winners of the Forward Prizes 2008 were Mick Imlah for *The Lost Leader* (Faber), Kathryn Simmonds for *Sunday at the Skin Launderette* (Seren) and Don Paterson for *Love Poem For 'Tusja' Beridze* (Poetry Review).

## Guelf

Love moves the family, but hate  
makes the better soldier;  
why would the boxer scatter his purse,  
sell up his soul, be Ugolino evermore,  
for the soft-hard piece of his rival's ear –  
were it not for the lovely taste of hate;  
if it didn't award him a pleasant pillow  
of hate to soften the stone of his cell?  
*Dante, who loved well because he hated,  
Hated the wickedness that hinders loving.*

Mick Imlah, from *The Lost Leader* (Faber)



**FORWARD**

# RULES & CONDITIONS

The Forward Prizes are sponsored by Forward and Felix Dennis under the direction of the Forward Arts Foundation, who will appoint the judges. The Prizes are administered by Colman Getty Consultancy. They will be awarded in three categories:

## Category A: The Forward Prize for Best Collection

A prize of £10,000 will be given to the author of the best collection of poetry, published in the UK or Republic of Ireland between 1 October 2008 and 30 September 2009.

## Category B: The Felix Dennis Prize for Best First Collection

A prize of £5,000 will be given to the author of the best *first* collection of poetry published in the UK or Republic of Ireland between 1 October 2008 and 30 September 2009.

## Category C: The Forward Prize for Best Single Poem in memory of Michael Donaghy

A prize of £1,000 will be given to the author of the best single poem *which is not part of a collection or an anthology* and which has been published in a newspaper, periodical or magazine in the UK or Republic of Ireland between 1 May 2008 and 30 April 2009 or to a poem which has been the winner of a poetry competition with a prize awarded between 1 May 2008 and 30 April 2009. Book length poems should be submitted in the Best Collection or Best First Collection category.

The judges of the Prizes will be responsible for compiling shortlists of not less than four and no more than six entries in each of the three categories. In addition the judges may each call in 2 eligible poems or collections of poetry for consideration (no later than 12 June 2009). In that event publishers will be asked to submit 6 copies of each. Only in exceptional circumstances, and then only with the prior approval of the Forward Arts Foundation, may any of the prizes be divided.

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## THE FORWARD BOOK OF POETRY

All works entered for The Forward Prizes will also be considered for inclusion in **The Forward Book of Poetry**, an anthology of the year's best poetry. **The Forward Book of Poetry** is a non-profit making venture and it is therefore a condition of entry that

publishers allow poems to be reproduced without payment of an anthology fee, but with appropriate acknowledgements, for distribution throughout the world in the English language.

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## ELIGIBILITY

- (a) All entries must be published in the UK or Republic of Ireland within the dates specified (see above).
- (b) Poems or collections of poetry must be written in English. Translations from other languages are not eligible.
- (c) Anthologies or collections of works by more than one author are not eligible.
- (d) **Entries from individual poets of their own work will not be accepted. This includes self-published collections.**
- (e) Work submitted on behalf of an author who is deceased at the date of publication of the work is not eligible.
- (f) Collections which contain new and selected poems may be eligible, but the judges will only consider the new poems for the Prizes.
- (g) The decision of the judges on the eligibility of a poem, or a collection of poetry, is final and binding.

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## ENTRIES

- (a) Collections of poetry (Categories A and B) must be submitted by the publisher. Single poems (Category C) may only be submitted by the editors and literary editors of newspapers, periodicals and magazines published in the UK or Republic of Ireland. Winners of poetry competitions must be submitted by the organising body.
- (b) Publishers may enter up to 4 poems or 4 collections of poetry in each category.
- (c) Collections may only be entered in one category.
- (d) Single poems should be photocopied onto A4 sheets. Collections of poetry may be submitted in final book, page proofs or galley form.
- (e) No poem, or collection of poetry, nominated for the Forward Poetry Prizes will be returned.
- (f) Submissions in all categories must be received by the Forward Prizes Administrators by **Friday 8 May 2009.**

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## ENTRY FORM

Please return the form and SIX COPIES of each collection or each individual poem by **8 May 2009** to:

Forward Prizes  
Colman Getty Consultancy  
28 Windmill Street  
London W1T 2JJ

Publisher/Publication/Competiton .....

### Category A The Forward Prize for Best Collection of Poetry (£10,000)

Title .....

Poet .....

Publication Date .....

Poet's date of birth d/m/y .....

Title .....

Poet .....

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### Category B The Felix Dennis Prize for Best First Collection of Poetry (£5,000)

Title .....

Poet .....

Publication Date .....

Poet's date of birth d/m/y .....

Title .....

Poet .....

Publication Date .....

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Poet's date of birth d/m/y .....

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**Category C**

**The Forward Prize for Best Single Poem in memory of Michael Donaghy (£1,000)**

Title .....

Poet .....

Magazine/Newspaper/Competition .....

Publication Date ..... Date of winner announcement .....

Poet's date of birth d/m/y .....

Title .....

Poet .....

Magazine/Newspaper/Competition .....

Publication Date ..... Date of winner announcement .....

Poet's date of birth d/m/y .....

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I agree to waive the normal anthology fees in respect of these poems and am authorised to do so.

SIGNATURE OF EDITOR/DIRECTOR .....

COMPANY.....

ADDRESS .....

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CONTACT NAME ..... DATE .....

TELEPHONE..... E-mail .....