

FORWARD PRIZES FOR POETRY 2017

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Rules & Entry Form

Enter online: forwardartsfoundation.submittable.com

The Forward Prize for Best Collection

£10,000 sponsored by Bookmark

The Felix Dennis Prize for Best First Collection

£5,000 sponsored by the Estate of Felix Dennis

The Forward Prize for Best Single Poem

£1,000 sponsored by Bookmark

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

Deadline: 24 March 2017

**The Prizes will be awarded at London's Southbank Centre on
21 September 2017.**

National Poetry Day and the Forward Prizes for Poetry are organised by Forward Arts Foundation

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Rules and Conditions

The Forward Prizes for Poetry are organised by Forward Arts Foundation, a charity that celebrates excellence in poetry and increases its audience. Its initiatives include National Poetry Day, a mass celebration of poetry that falls this year on 28 September 2017. The Forward Prizes are 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 2016 and 28 September 2017.

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 2016 and 28 September 2017.

Category C: The Forward Prize for Best Single Poem

A prize of £1,000 will be given to the author of the best single poem *that has not been published as part of a collection, pamphlet or anthology* and that has been published in a newspaper, periodical or magazine in the UK or Republic of Ireland between 25 March 2016 and 24 March 2017, or has been the winner of a poetry competition with a prize awarded between the same dates. **It must not have been published in a collection, pamphlet or anthology before 24 March 2017.** Book-length poems should be submitted in the Best Collection or Best First Collection category. We strongly advise submitting entries for this category via forwardartsfoundation.submittable.com

Entries and Eligibility

- 1) Collections of poetry (Categories A & B) must be submitted by the publisher. Single poems (Category C) may be submitted by the editors and literary editors of print newspapers, periodicals and magazines published in the UK or Republic of Ireland. Online journals and web-only publications may submit if a majority of their editors are based in the UK or Republic of Ireland, and if they conform to rule (2). Winners of poetry competitions (Category C) must be submitted by the organising body.
- 2) Online journals and web-only publications may submit if their publication is included in listings on one of the following organisations' websites before 24 March 2017: the Poetry Library, the Scottish Poetry Library or Poetry Ireland. Editors are themselves responsible for liaising with these organisations, in good time, to ensure they are included in a listing. The organisations advise us that, to be included by 24 March 2017, online magazines should submit details to them no later than **10 March 2017**.
- 3) Six copies of each book submitted, and one copy of each single poem submitted, must be sent to **Forward Prizes, Forward Arts Foundation, Somerset House, Strand, London, WC2R 1LA** to arrive by **24 March 2017**.
- 4) All entries must be published in the UK or Republic of Ireland within the dates specified above. UK publication may include simultaneous publication (within a period of one year) in other countries. Translations from other languages are not eligible.
- 5) **Entries from individual poets of their own work will not be accepted. This includes self-published collections.**
- 6) Publishers may enter up to four collections of poetry in categories A and B, and up to three poems in Category C. Each publisher may nominate a total of six further collections across Categories A and B, which the judges may choose to call in at their discretion.
- 7) Single poems should be submitted via Submittable or on A4 sheets which include the poet's name. Collections may be submitted in bound proof form if the final book is not available before the submission deadline.
- 8) A collection may be entered in one category only.
- 9) Pamphlets are not eligible for the Forward Prizes. All collections should be more than 36 pages.
- 10) All works entered for the Forward Prizes will also be considered for inclusion in *The Forward Book of Poetry*. This is a non-profit 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, in print, as an eBook, and on the Forward Prizes/National Poetry Day website, in our newsletter, associated publications and social media channels.
- 11) Anthologies or collections of works by more than one author are not eligible. Collections should contain only new poems, or poems which have not yet been published in book form. Poems or collections of poetry must be written in English.
- 12) Work submitted on behalf of an author who is deceased at the date of publication of the work is not eligible.
- 13) Shortlisted and winning poets will be expected to be available for publicity around the awards.
- 14) Please check the date and eligibility guidelines carefully. Any work that does not meet the rules will be disqualified. The decision of the Foundation on the eligibility of an entry is final and binding.
- 15) No poem, or collection of poetry, entered for the Forward Prizes will be returned.

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The Forward Prizes 2017

Postal Entry Form

Please send the form, with **SIX COPIES** of each Category A/B collection and **ONE COPY** of each Category C poem - to arrive at the address below by **24 March 2017**:

Forward Prizes
Forward Arts Foundation
Somerset House, Strand
London, WC2R 1LA

Queries should be addressed to:
info@forwardartsfoundation.org

Publisher/Publication/Competition.....

Category A Submissions

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

Title

Poet

Publication date d/m/y

Title

Poet

Publication date d/m/y

Title

Poet

Publication date d/m/y

Title

Poet

Publication date d/m/y

Category B Submissions

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

Title

Poet

Publication date d/m/y

Title

Poet

Publication date d/m/y

Title

Poet

Publication date d/m/y

Title

Poet

Publication date d/m/y

Category A & B nominations for possible call-in by judges

Title

Poet

Publication date d/m/y

Category (circle one) **A** **B**

Title

Poet

Publication date d/m/y

Category (circle one) **A** **B**

Title

Poet

Publication date d/m/y

Category (circle one) **A** **B**

Title

Poet

Publication date d/m/y

Category (circle one) **A** **B**

Title

Poet

Publication date d/m/y

Category (circle one) **A** **B**

Title

Poet

Publication date d/m/y

Category (circle one) **A** **B**

PLEASE SIGN THE FORM OVERLEAF

Category C Submissions
The Forward Prize for Best Single Poem (£1,000)

Title

Poet

Publication/Competition (circle one) Name

Publication date Date of winner announcement

Title

Poet

Publication/Competition (circle one) Name

Publication date Date of winner announcement

Title

Poet

Publication/Competition (circle one) Name

Publication date Date of winner announcement

Authorisation

I agree to waive the normal anthology fees (print, eBook and online) in respect of these poems and am authorised to do so.

SIGNATURE OF EDITOR/DIRECTOR

COMPANY

ADDRESS

CONTACT NAME DATE

TELEPHONE EMAIL

