Battered Moons
Poetry Competition
2017

Part of
POETRY SWINDON FESTIVAL

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Guest judge
Malika Booker

Closing date:
30th June 2017
PRIZES
1st Prize £700.
2nd Prize £200.
3rd Prize £100.
Four commendations of £25 each.
All three winning poems and four commendations will appear in the Battered Moons Poetry Pamphlet 2017.

FEES
Each poem submitted costs £5, and £3.50 each poem for additional entries. It is regretted that fees cannot be refunded.

ENTERING
To enter online, visit http://www.batteredmoons.com.
Postal entries should be sent to: Battered Moons Poetry Competition, c/o Hilda Sheehan, 39 Barbrook Road, Swindon. SN1 7AF XX, with a cheque payable to Battered Moons and a separate sheet with your personal details, including email address if available. Please write your name and phone number on the back of the cheque.

GUIDELINES
~ Open to any UK residents aged 18 or over at the time of entering.
~ The closing date is 30th June 2017.
~ All entries will be considered anonymously.
~ Judges Malika Booker and Cristina Newton will read all the entries.
~ There is no limit on the number of entries a single entrant can make.
~ Postal entries will only be accepted when accompanied by a separate sheet with personal details, and payment.
~ For confirmation your postal entry has been received, please include a stamped addressed envelope/postcard marked ACKNOWLEDGEMENT with your entry.
~ Online entries will receive automatic confirmation at the time of submission.
~ Alterations cannot be made to poems once they have been entered.
~ Entries cannot be returned, so please keep a copy.
The judges' decision is final and neither the judges nor the staff will enter into any correspondence.

The competition organisers reserve the right to award joint prizes or not award prizes if, in the judges' opinion, such an action is justified.

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

Results

All email entrants will receive an email notification of results. To receive a print version, enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope marked RESULTS. Alternatively, check the BATTERED MOONS website for details from 12th September 2017.

Poems

All poems must have a title and must not exceed 40 lines in length (excluding title and line spaces) and can be on any subject.

Entries must show no name, address or identifying marks other than the title.

Entries must be written in English and the original work of the entrant.

Entries must not have been published, self-published, published on a website or online public space or broadcast before 8th October 2017.

Winners

Winners and poets receiving commendations will be notified in September 2017 and invited to an awards event at the Poetry Swindon Festival on Saturday 7th October 2017, where they will read their winning poems.

The winning and commended poems will appear in the Battered Moons Poetry Pamphlet alongside a poem by each of the judges.

All winners and commended poets will be asked to provide a biography to appear with their winning poem on the Battered Moons website and pamphlet, and a photograph for the website.

The copyright of each poem remains with the author. However, authors of the winning and commended poems, by entering the competition, grant Battered Moons the right to publish and/or broadcast their poem from September 2017.
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Judges:
Malika Booker
Cristina Navazo-Eguía Newton

Administration:
Sam Loveless

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