

BATH POETRY CAFE



Poetry Competition Rules for 2015

Poems can be on any subject.

Poems must not have been previously published either in print or online.

Poems must be the unaided work of the poet and must not be translations or adaptations of another poet's work.

The line limit is 25 lines excluding the title but including all epigraphs and footnotes.

Poems must be printed in single spacing on one side only of an A4 sheet, with no identifying signs of authorship.

Include a single covering sheet with your name, postal address, phone number, email contact details and the titles of ALL the poems you are submitting to the competition.

Post it to Sue Boyle, Southfield, Kipling Avenue, Bath BA2 4RD, Somerset with your competition entry cheque. Include a stamped self-addressed envelope or postcard if you would like a postal acknowledgment. Otherwise, the only acknowledgement will be the cashing of your cheque.

The deadline for receiving entries is **Saturday 31st January 2015.**

The cost of entry is £6 for 2 poems/£12 for 5 poems. Cheques made payable to Sue Boyle, address above.

PRIZES. Half the money raised from the entries will be distributed among all shortlisted poets as equal prizes at the evening event on the Day of Good Poetry in Bath on 7 March 2015, with small additional prizes for the shortlisted poems selected as **Favourites** by our **Distinguished Guests** on that day.

The other half of the money will pay for the hire of a venue in Bath later in the year for an event at which all the shortlisted poets will be invited to read their work and the overall winners of the Cafe Poetry Competition 2015 will be announced.

THE SHORTLIST JUDGES will be an invited panel of 12 well published Cafe Poets.

THE FINAL JUDGE'S NAME WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON 7 MARCH.