

## HLF Poetry Competition 2013 Entry Form

Opening date Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May; closing date Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2013

I agree to abide by the rules of the competition and confirm that all poems entered are my own original work and have not been previously published.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name (block capitals) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (block capitals) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Please write especially clearly*

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Titles of poems (continue on an additional sheet if necessary):

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I enclose a cheque/postal order for £ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to **Havant  
Literary Festival** (£4 for each entry, no limit to the number of entries)

I enclose a stamped addressed postcard for acknowledgement of receipt ☐

Post to: **HLF Poetry Competition, C/O The Spring Arts Centre, Havant, PO9 1BS**

Havant Literary Festival

## Open Poetry Competition 2013

# RENEWAL

# RULES OF THE COMPETITION

## Theme

The theme for this year's Havant Literary Festival (HLF) competition is “renewal”. Poets may interpret that theme in any way they choose.

## Entries

You can enter as many entries as you like. Each entry attracts a fee of £4.00. Each poem or group of poems submitted must be accompanied by a completed and signed entry form. If you are submitting more than 4 poems please list the additional titles on a separate sheet of paper and attach this to the entry form.

All entries must be entirely original work and must not have been previously published, nor must they be published after submission before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013. Poems must not be shared previously with any member of the HLF committee or the judge, nor recorded or reproduced on any website, blog or social media site. HLF reserve the unconditional right not to accept any entry.

Poems should be limited to 40 lines only. Shorter poems are also most welcome.

Entries must be in English, typed single spaced on A4, single-sided and securely fastened; each entry starting on a new sheet.

Entries will be disqualified if they show name, address or identifying marks other than the title.

Entries are not returned, so please keep a copy. No corrections can be made after receipt, nor fees refunded.

The closing date for entries is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2013 and no entries received by us after this time will be accepted.

## Judging

The sole adjudicator this year will be Wendy Klein whose work has been much praised. Her latest collection, Anything in Turquoise, was published

this January by Cinnamon Press. The decision of the judge is final and not subject to appeal. She will award the following:

First Prize     £400

Second Prize   £200

Third Prize     £100

In addition, the judge may choose up to 10 commended poems. Prize-winners and commended poets will be informed two weeks before the Festival. A full list of winners and commended persons will be published on the HLF website.

## Presentation

Prize winning and commended poets will be invited to a public reading event in Havant to take place on Sunday 6 October as part of this year's Festival. The first three prize winners will be offered short readings, 10, 7 and 5 minutes to include their winning entry. Commended poets may read their own poems and one other, not to exceed 25 lines. You are advised to time your readings very carefully.

## Copyright

The copyright of the entries remains throughout with their authors. However, by entering a poem, the author gives the HLF the unrestricted right to publish or have read publicly the poem, in whatever media or manner the HLF feels appropriate without any royalties being due.

Thank you for supporting this competition and Havant Literary Festival.

The logo for the Havant Literary Festival features the words "Havant Literary Festival" in a stylized, handwritten-style font. The text is black with red ink splatters or dots scattered around the letters, giving it a creative and artistic feel.