

Buxton

Poetry Competition

2014



Buxton Festival is proud to present:

Buxton Poetry Competition 2014

Our theme in 2014 is **The Natural World**. You might like to describe a landscape, an event in nature, or perhaps an animal. You could write about something huge or you could focus on something tiny. You could tell us how you engage with nature, or how the natural world affects you, or you could take us on a journey through the natural world. Or if you have a different take on our theme we would like to read that too! We hope this theme will inspire you to think creatively about **The Natural World**.

Categories

Open Poetry – ages 18 and over*

Young People's Poetry – aged between 12 and 17*

Children's Poetry – aged up to 11 years old*

* age as of 1st April 2014

Prizes

- Five finalists from each category will be selected by a panel of judges
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place poets from the Open Category win cash prizes of £300, £200, £100
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place poets in the Young People's and Children's categories win book tokens
- The three first-place poems will be published in the 2014 Buxton Festival programme

Competition Rules

- Buxton Poetry Competition is now open for entries
- The closing date for entries is 7th April 2014
- Poems must not exceed 40 lines
- Poems must be typed on one side of A4 white paper with no illustrations
- Poems are judged anonymously and the name of the poet must not appear on the poem
- All poems must be accompanied by a completed entry form
- Poems must be the original work of the author and previously unpublished
- Maximum three poems per entrant
- Each poem should have a title
- Receipt of entries can be confirmed if a SAE is included with the entry form
- The 15 finalists will be informed after 1 June
- The judges' decision is final
- Copyright remains with the poet however finalists' poems may be used by competition organisers free of charge in promotional material, display or press for up to four years

Entry Details and Fees

- Please complete and return the form in this leaflet to enter the competition
- Entry to the Open Category is £5 per poem
- Entries to the Young People's and Children's Categories are **free**
- Entries cannot be submitted by email
- Payment is by cheque only. Please make cheque payable to **Buxton Festival**
- Payment by cash cannot be accepted

Judging Panel

Our Open Category Judge this year is Helen Mort. Helen was born in Sheffield and is Five-times winner of the Foyle Young Poets award, she received an Eric Gregory Award from The Society of Authors in 2007 and won the Manchester Young Writer Prize in 2008. In 2010, she became the youngest ever poet in residence at The Wordsworth Trust, Grasmere. Helen has recently been announced as the new Derbyshire Poet Laureate. Helen has just been nominated for the 2013 Costa Book Award for poetry.



Helen Mort

The young people's and children's poetry competition will be judged by Maria Carnegie - Library Services Manager at the University of Derby, Buxton.

We are proud to continue to work with our esteemed Patron Lady Jasmine Cavendish.



Jasmine Cavendish with some of our young poets

Buxton Festival

Buxton Festival takes place between Friday 11 - Sunday 27 July 2014. Over our 17-day Festival you can take in the best of UK opera, music and literature in the beautiful setting of the Peak District.

Buxton Festival Literary series features talks by some of the UK's leading literary personalities, including - Peter Snow, Jung Chang, Simon Jenkins, Jeffery Archer, Antonia Fraser and many more.

Please call 01298 70395 for a brochure, or visit our website www.buxtonfestival.co.uk. Booking opens on 1st April 2014.

For further details please contact:

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Entry Form

Please complete this form and return along with your poem to:

Buxton Festival, 3 The Square, Buxton, SK17 6AZ

Title_____First Name_____Surname_____

Address_____

Postcode_____Telephone_____

Email_____

Age if under 19_____

Category you wish to enter (Open, Youth or Children's) _____

Poems Entered

Title of poem 1 _____

Title of poem 2 _____

Title of poem 3 _____

Open Category

Fee: £5 per poem Total payment £_____

Cheque enclosed (tick if applicable) ☐ Please make cheque payable to **Buxton Festival**
Please DO NOT send cash.

Young People and Children's Category

Free Entry. My date of birth is_____

I have enclosed my poem/s (please tick) ☐

I have read and accepted the competition rules ☐

Signature

Date