

LEDBURY
POETRY
FESTIVAL

5-14 JULY
2013



VERSIFICATION
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TOURNAMENT
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POETRY COMPETITION
JUDGE: ESTHER MORGAN

First Prize	£1000 plus writing course at Tŷ Newydd
Second Prize	£500
Third Prize	£250

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We are extremely grateful to Tŷ Newydd, the National Writers' Centre for Wales who continue to sponsor the poetry competition by offering the overall winner a course of their choice.

Tŷ Newydd was established in 1990 and has been welcoming writers on an international basis ever since, attracted by its beautiful house and gardens which have views towards the sea and the mountains of Merioneth. The Centre includes comprehensive facilities for the disabled and excellent facilities for tutoring and learning.

Attendees have contact with and supervision by skilled and approachable tutors who are themselves eminent poets. Past tutors have included: Tŷ Newydd's President Gillian Clarke, George Szirtes, Carol Ann Duffy, Penelope Shuttle, Daljit Nagra and Jo Shapcott. These writers give guidance, feedback and affirmation to those attending the courses.

For more details of courses call 01766 522811 or visit www.tynewydd.org/

JUDGE: ESTHER MORGAN



Esther Morgan is this year's judge. Since winning an Eric Gregory award in 1998 Esther has produced three collections of poetry. The first, *Beyond Calling Distance*, was published in 2001 by Bloodaxe Books and went on to win the Aldeburgh First Collection Prize and was also shortlisted for the Mail on Sunday/John Llewellyn Rhys Prize, and the third, *Grace*, was shortlisted for the TS Eliot award in 2011. She has taught at UEA and was editor of Reactions Magazine.

'Esther Morgan's poems are full of hints and mysteries. They dance on sensuous feet while keeping a troubled eye on the music that keeps them dancing. But there are joys here as well as anxieties, and it is the two that amplify each other into such clear, poignant and resonant shapes' – George Szirtes



RULES

1. Poems must be received on or before Tuesday 9th July 2013 at 5pm.
2. Each poem submitted must be the original work of the entrant and should not have been previously published, accepted for publication by a magazine, nor entered in other competitions.
3. The length of each poem must not exceed 40 lines.
4. Each individual poem, regardless of length, must be typed on one sheet of plain A4 paper (except Children's category, which can be handwritten). Please submit two copies of each poem.
5. The competitor's name must NOT appear on the same sheet as the poem.
6. Each poem must be accompanied by a fully completed entry form.
7. Please keep a copy of your poem, as manuscripts cannot be returned.
8. Copyright remains with the author, but Ledbury Poetry Festival reserves the right to have entries performed at the Festival, on radio, TV, or stage, published on the internet, in an anthology or used for publicity purposes at any stage in the future.
9. No acknowledgement of entry will be sent unless the competitor sends an SAE marked 'Acknowledgement'.
10. Competitors wishing to be informed of the results should enclose an SAE marked 'Results'.
11. The decision of the judge is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
12. The Festival reserves the right to withhold prizes if such an action is justified.
13. Entries not complying with competition rules will be disqualified.
14. The winner of the adult first prize will be expected to provide for his/her own transport arrangements in order to attend the Tŷ Newydd course in North Wales, regardless of whether he/she is a UK resident.
15. The winner may select from any of the courses available at Tŷ Newydd. However the festival cannot accept responsibility for re-arrangements or circumstances beyond its control.
16. The winners will be announced by the end of October 2013.

ENTRY FORM

Name

Address

Postcode

Phone

Email

Are you interested in receiving email updates about the Festival?

Yes

No

(we do not share your information with third parties)

Please note that the competition will be promoted principally via email and our website from 2014

Title(s) of poem(s) entered

first poem

£5

for each subsequent poem

£3

Total £

Closing date: 5pm Tuesday 9th July 2013

**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO LEDBURY POETRY FESTIVAL & SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO:
Ledbury Poetry Festival, Church Street,
Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 1DH**

If you wish to pay by credit or debit card please complete the details below. There is a 0.75p charge for this service.

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Ledbury Poetry Festival provides numerous opportunities to immerse yourself in poetry whether you want to attend writing workshops, reading groups, get expert advice on a 'one to one' level with a publisher or an agent, try out your poetry in an open mic, or simply attend readings and performances by some of the best national and international poets on the scene today. The Festival also offers music, talks, walks, exhibitions and the infamous poetry slam. The atmosphere is friendly and lively; Ledbury itself is a beautiful medieval market town near the Malvern Hills, which has retained its independent High Street.

Some of the poets and performers who have already been confirmed at the Ledbury Poetry Festival are:

Mike Barlow

Jane Routh

Alison Brackenbury

Tim Clare

Jane Draycott

Sean Borodale

C.D.Wright

Forrest Gander

'Poilu and Tommy'

C.K.Williams

Sinéad Morrissey

Jamie McKendrick

Víctor Rodríguez Núñez

Jacob Polley

Jah Wobble

Naomi Shihab Nye

Anne Stevenson

Clive Bell

Judy Brown

Julia Bird

Harry Clifton

James Harpur

Jane Draycott

Lawrence Sail

Andrew Greig

Mike Heron

Philip Wells

Matt Black

Poetry Takeaway

Emergency Poet

Emily Berry

Aidan Coleman

Martin Kiszko

Peggy Reynolds

Simon Rees

Valerio Magrelli

Feral Theatre Company

Nick Alexander

Antonella Anedda

Machi Tawara

Programmes will be available from the end of April 2013. To pre-order a free programme email: boxoffice@poetry-festival.com with your details or tel: **0845 458 1743** and we will send you a copy hot off the press.

For further details of the Festival visit www.poetry-festival.com or www.poetry-festival.co.uk.

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