

Buxton

Poetry Competition
2012



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Buxton Festival and The University of Derby are proud to present

Buxton Poetry Competition 2012

To celebrate the 2012 Olympics and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee our theme for 2012 is 'Welcome to Britain'.

We're sure this year's theme will bring in a really broad range of poems, reflecting our very varied society and great heritage. Poems that focus on a particular place or figure from history maybe, or on some British invention or (especially this Olympic year) the sports and games we play; even our distinctive (for better or worse) food and drink - even the weather! - any or all of these subjects might make a winning poem.

Buxton Poetry Competition is very proud to involve Barnardo's again in 2012, combining work in their own projects with our competition.

Categories

Open Poetry – ages 19 and over*

Young People's Poetry – aged between 12 and 18*

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

* age as of 1st April 2012



Prizes

- Five finalists from each category will be selected by a panel of judges
- The 15 finalists will have their work exhibited in the Devonshire Dome during Buxton Festival 2012 as well as being announced in the local media and listed on the competition website
- The 15 finalists will be invited to an Awards Event at the Devonshire Dome during Buxton Festival 2012 and have opportunity to read their poems
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place poets from the Open Category win cash prizes of £300, £200, £100 while our fourth place poet will receive a free place at a Poetry Business Writing Day and the fifth place poet will receive a year's subscription to The North magazine and a Smith/Doorstop book of their choice
- 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 2012 Buxton Festival programme

Competition Rules

- Buxton Poetry Competition opens on National Poetry Day, 6th October 2011
- The closing date for entries is 6th April 2012
- Poems must not exceed 40 lines and 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- Poems must be the original work of the author and previously unpublished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

Judging Panel



Ann Sansom

Ann is a poet, playwright and tutor. She has published six collections of poetry, most recently *In Praise of Men & Other People* (Bloodaxe Books), and has appeared in many publications including the TLS, Poetry Review and *Russian Vogue*. She is currently working with The British Film Institute on a screenplay and a series of film-related poems. She is a writing tutor for the Poetry Society, WEA and the Arvon Foundation.



Peter Sansom

Peter has been Fellow in Poetry at both Leeds and Manchester Universities, and Company Poet for Marks & Spencer and the Prudential. He has published *Writing Poems* with Bloodaxe Books and his poetry collections are from Carcanet, including a new *Selected Poems* (2010). He and Ann often tutor together, for the Arvon Foundation and in schools and colleges.

Ann and Peter live in Sheffield, where they are co-directors of The Poetry Business and editors of *The North* magazine and Smith/Doorstop books.

The young people's and children's poetry competition will be judged by Maria Carnegie - Learning and IT Services Manager at the University of Derby Buxton and Dr Teresa Barnard - Lecturer in English at the University of Derby

We are proud to continue to work with our esteemed Patrons Sir Andrew Motion and Lady Jasmine Cavendish

Entry Details and Fees

- Please complete and return the form on the back of 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 The University of Derby
- Payment by cash cannot be accepted

Poetry Exhibition at the Devonshire Dome July 2012

The 15 finalists' poems will be displayed in an exhibition at the Devonshire Dome from July 8th to August 31st 2012, Alongside entries to the Festival's Photography Competition. The exhibition is free to visit and all are welcome to view the poetry in this stunning setting.

Buxton Festival Literary Series

The 2012 Buxton Festival will feature a series of talks by some of the UK's leading literary personalities, alongside a full programme of opera and music events.

Festival dates are 7 - 25 July 2012.

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Entry Form

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

Reception, University of Derby Buxton, Devonshire Road, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 6RY

Title _____ First Name _____ Surname _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

Age if under 19 _____

Category you wish to enter _____

Poems Entered - Maximum of three poems

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 The University of Derby
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 _____

For further details please contact:

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