

Buxton

Poetry Competition
2017

Awakening



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Our theme in 2017 is **Awakening**. You might like to focus on an event in nature, a time in your life, an everyday occurrence or a huge spectacle. It could be spiritual, physical or something totally different. You could write about a very broad subject or you could focus in on a tiny detail. Or if you have a different take on our theme we would like to read that too!

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 25th September 2017

Prizes

- Five finalists from each category will be selected by a panel of judges
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd from the Open Category win prizes of £500, £250, £100
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Young People's and Children's categories win book tokens

Competition Rules

- The closing date for entries is 25th September 2017
- Poems must not exceed 40 lines
- Poems must be typed on one side of A4 white paper with no illustrations
- Please send two copies of each poem
- Poems are judged anonymously; your name 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- Poems must be the original work of the author and previously unpublished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 10th October 2017
- The judges' decision is final
- Copyright remains with the poet, poems may be used by competition organisers free of charge in promotional material, media, display or press for 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
- Entry to the Young People's and Children's Categories is 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 Matt Black. Matt was Derbyshire Poet Laureate (2011-2013) and his most recent collection for adults is *Footsteps and Fuddles* (Derbyshire County Council, 2013), and for children *The Owl and the Pussycat and the Turtles of Fun* (Two Rivers Press, 2014). His poems are published in magazines such as Staple, The Rialto, The North and Magma, and he has won awards and commissions. He invented the world's first Poetry Jukebox. His next book is *The Leaking Boot* (Iron Press, 2017). Matt won the Buxton Poetry Competition in 2013.

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Matt Black

The young people's and children's poetry competition will be judged by Maria Carnegie - Head of Library and Learner Support at the University of Derby, acclaimed Derbyshire poet F Philip Holland, and poet and organiser of the Word Wizard Poetry Slam, Rob Stevens.



Jasmine Cavendish with some of our young poets

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

Buxton International Festival

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Buxton International Festival Book series features talks by some of the UK's leading literary personalities, including - Nicholas Crane, Jeremy Paxman, Nick Clegg, Rev Richard Coles, Annie Gray, David Starkey, Lucy Worsley, Chris Patten and many more.

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I entered the poetry competition for a number of years. I was always so inspired by the writing themes...so different. And, when I was fortunate to be declared one of the winners, there was the thrill of being invited to the awards ceremony. The thrill of seeing my work displayed in the Devonshire Dome with such wonderful poems was a truly fantastic experience. All I would say to anyone thinking of entering...have a go! Hannah Rodger, past youth winner

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Entry Form

Please complete this form and return along with your poem/s to:
Buxton Festival, 3 The Square, Buxton, SK17 6AZ

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 Categories

Free Entry. My date of birth is _____

I have enclosed two copies of each of my poem/s (please tick)

I have read and accepted the competition rules (please tick)

Signature _____ Date _____

For more information please contact:

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