



MELBOURNE POETS UNION

Established 1977

23rd MPU INTERNATIONAL POETRY COMPETITION 2017

First prize – Leon Shann Award \$AU1, 500

Second Prize \$AU500, Third prize \$AU200

Martin Downey Urban Realist Award \$AU100

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- All poems entered must be written in English, typed in a standard font (such as Times Roman, Garamond or Calibri) in 12pt, with a maximum of 50 lines.
- Poems must be the original work of an individual author, unpublished, not accepted or submitted for publication, and not have been entered in any other competition.
- All poems must be accompanied by a single completed entry form. Entry forms may be downloaded from the MPU website <<http://melbournepoetsunion.com>>
- The author's name or any identification must not appear on the same page(s) as the poem.
- There is no limit to the number of entries an individual may submit.
- The entry fee is \$AU10 for **each** poem entered. Entry fees are not refundable.
- Entries may be submitted by email or by post.
- **Email entries:** poems and the completed entry form should be submitted as a **single** MS Word file or PDF attachment via the MPU website mipoets.union14@gmail.com by midnight **Sunday 23 September 2017**. Prior payment of the entry fee must be made online to: Account name: Melbourne Poets Union, BSB: 063 010, Account number: 1005 4087. The author's name must appear as the 'Message/Reference'. This payment can also be made at any CBA branch or Post Office.
- **Postal entries:** poems and the completed entry form should be sent to **MPU International Poetry Competition, PO Box 266, Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria 8009, Australia** and received by **Sunday 23 September 2017**. Entries must be accompanied by a cheque or money order payable to **Melbourne Poets Union** for the appropriate amount. Please do not send cash.
- Shortlisted poets will be notified by telephone or email before **Friday 3 November 2017**.
- Announcement of results and presentation of awards for all the prize-winning poems will take place at the Awards Night on **Friday 24 November 2017** at 6.30 p.m. at Collected Works, Swanston St Melbourne. All prize-winners will be invited to read their poems at the event.
- The competition results will be published on the MPU website and Facebook. MPU reserves the right to publish the winning poems on their website and FB and subsequent anthology.
- Judith Rodriguez will judge the competition. Her decision is final and no correspondence shall be entered into.

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Contact mipoetsunion14@gmail.com

Downloadable Entry Forms found at the MPU website <http://melbournepoetsunion.com>



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Entry Form

Name:	
Address:	
Telephone number:	
Email:	
Entry fee: \$ 10 for each poem	
Amount paid: \$	On-line (receipt attached) or cheque / money
Titles of poems:	
1.	
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5.	
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7.	
8.	
Signature:	Date:

Email entries to: m poets.union14@gmail.com

OR

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