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
Book Vouchers for 3 Highly Commended & Books for 6 Commended Poems

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- Poems must be the original work of an individual author, unpublished, not accepted or submitted for publication, and not have been entered in any other competition.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 mpoets.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 mpoetsunion14@gmail.com

Downloadable Entry Forms found at the MPU website http://melbournepoetsunion.com
### Entry Form

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**Signature:**

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**OR**

**Post entries to:** MPU International Poetry Competition, PO Box 266, Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria 8009, Australia.