

ENTRY FORM

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Titles (continue on separate sheet):

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Entries : (£4 per poem, 3 for £10, £2 per poem thereafter) NB two copies of each poem	£
Anthologies: (£4 per copy plus £1 p&p)	£
Membership subscription: (£18 per year, £24 overseas, £12 students)	£
Total: (cheques/p.o.s payable to Ver Poets)	£



About Andrew McMillan

Andrew McMillan was born in South Yorkshire in 1988 and lectures in Creative Writing at Liverpool John Moores University. His debut collection, *physical*, was a Poetry Book Society recommendation, shortlisted for the Forward Prize, the Fenton Aldeburgh First Collection Prize and longlisted for the Guardian First Book Award. He has contributed to The Echo Chamber on BBC Radio 4 and Free Thinking on BBC Radio 3. He is one of the judges for the 2015 Ted Hughes Award for New Work in Poetry.

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**VER POETS
OPEN
COMPETITION
2016**

Adjudicator – **Andrew McMillan**

FIRST PRIZE £600

SECOND PRIZE £300

THIRD PRIZE £100

CLOSING DATE: APRIL 30TH 2016

Winning and selected poems published in
the competition anthology

www.verpoets.org.uk

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Ver Poets Open Competition is for poems on any theme and in any form. It is open to anybody aged 16 or over.

There is no initial sifting process and Andrew McMillan will receive **all** entries. His decision is final.

To be eligible for the competition, poems must be **no more than 30 lines in length**. Each poem should be typed clearly, in English, on one side only of A4: one poem only per sheet, **TWO COPIES OF EACH POEM** please.

Competitors' names and addresses must not appear anywhere on the poems. Please write your contact details and the titles of all poems clearly on the entry form.

Competitors may submit any number of poems for a fee of **£4.00 per poem, 3 poems for £10, £2 per poem thereafter**. Cheques/postal orders (sterling only) should be made payable to **Ver Poets**. It is not advisable to send cash in the post.

A donation will be made from the proceeds to PHAB St Albans who run activities for children bringing the physically disabled and able bodied together.

Entries must be received no later than **April 30th 2016**.

Poems must be the original work of the competitor. They should not have been published, or accepted for publication, in print or online. They should not have won prizes in other competitions, be simultaneously entered for other competitions or be translations of other poets' work. No competitor may win more than one prize.

The copyright of all poems selected for the anthology will remain with the author but we reserve the right to publish the prizewinning poems on our website and in our newsletter. **Copies of the competition anthology, *The Ver Prize 2016*, may be ordered by enclosing a cheque for £4 per copy plus £1 post and packaging.**

Selected and prizewinning poets will be informed by post in June and prizes will be awarded at our poetry afternoon on Saturday, July 2nd 2016 at The Maltings Arts Theatre, St Albans.

For an acknowledgement of your entry, please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope marked 'receipt'. For a results list, please enclose an SAE marked 'results'. Results will be posted on our website, www.verpoets.org.uk, in July.

Please send entries to:

Competitions Secretary

**181 Sandridge Road
St Albans
Herts
AL1 4AH**

Ver Poets has a local and national membership. Monthly evening meetings provide a varied programme of guest readers, discussion, workshops and a forum for members' work.

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- Welcome pack including a copy of the current newsletter and details of competitions.
- A critique of 6 poems.
- Concessionary entry to evening meetings.
- Entry to members' competitions.
- Attendance at members' workshops

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Subscriptions may be sent with your competition entry.

For further details visit

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or contact our Membership Secretary:
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