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The 2009 Arts Queensland Thomas Shapcott Poetry Prize

Named in honour of a distinguished Queensland poet, the Arts Queensland Thomas Shapcott Poetry Prize is committed to encouraging emerging Queensland poets. Now in its 7th year, this prestigious prize for an unpublished poetry manuscript comes with a total prize money of $3 000:

1st Prize: $3 000 plus a publishing contract with UQP

The winner will be announced at the opening night of the Queensland Poetry Festival on 21 August 2009 at the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane. Visit: www.queenslandpoetryfestival.com for more information.

Judges: Bronwyn Lea, Philip Neilsen and Thomas Shapcott.
Previous Winners: Felicity Plunkett, Sarah Holland-Batt, Angela Gardner, Nathan Shepherdson, Jaya Savige and Lidija Cvetkovic.

Deadline for receipt of applications: 5pm on Monday 13 July 2009.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How is an 'emerging poet' defined? **A:** An 'emerging poet' is as an individual who has NOT published more than one book of poems.

Q: How is a 'book of poems' defined? **A:** A 'book of poems' is defined as 40 or more pages of poetry, printed in editions of more than 300 copies, with an ISBN number.

Q: Can I fax or e-mail my Entry? **A:** No. All entries must be posted or hand delivered to Queensland Writers Centre: Level 2, 109 Edward Street, Brisbane 4000. Late applications cannot be accepted.

Q: Will I get any feedback from the Judges? **A:** Judges can comment only on the winning manuscript.

Manuscript Format Instructions

1. The manuscript must be between 48-100 pages in length. All manuscripts must be paginated. Each new poem must start a new page.
2. The manuscript should begin with unnumbered frontmatter: a title page with the manuscript title; your name & contact details; a table of contents; & acknowledgment list (if applicable).
3. Page 1 will be the first poem OR the first section title or epigraph (if applicable).
4. Use a serif font in 12-point type, 1.5 line spacing on A4 paper, printed on one side only.
5. Include a biography at the end of the manuscript (optional). This information need not be included in page count.
6. Do not bind or staple the manuscript. Clip loose sheets with a bulldog or alligator clip and place in an envelope of appropriate size.

Rules

1. Entrants must reside in Queensland.
2. Entrants must NOT have published more than one (1) book of poetry.
3. The poetry manuscript (MS) must be the entrant's original work.
4. The MS must be unpublished and not on offer for publication elsewhere up to and including 21 August 2009. Prior publication of individual poems in literary journals and newspapers is permissible.
5. The MS must be between 48-100 pages in length. See Manuscript Format for more details.
6. Entrants may submit more than one MS but each entry must be accompanied by a separate Entry Form and a separate entry fee of $20. Photocopied entry forms are acceptable.
7. Please do not send the only copies of your MS, as it will NOT be returned. Do not include an SSAE. Entries will be acknowledged via email.
8. The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Judges reserve the right not to make the award.
9. Mail four (4) hardcopies of your MS with a completed entry form and $20 entry fee to:

   The 2009 Arts Queensland Thomas Shapcott Poetry Prize
   Queensland Writers Centre
   Level 2, 109 Edward Street
   Brisbane QLD 4000

10. Entries must be received by 5pm on **Monday 13 July 2009**. Late entries cannot be accepted.
11. The winner will be advised in mid-August, prior to a public announcement at the Queensland Poetry Festival on 21 August 2009.

The 2009 Arts Queensland Thomas Shapcott Entry form

Your name: _____

Your address: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Title of manuscript: _____

I certify that this manuscript is my own original work, that it is unpublished, and that it is not under consideration for publication or for any other prize. I meet the Eligibility Criteria & agree to be bound by the Conditions of Entry.

Signature & date: _____

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Method of Payment for $20 Entry Fee

☐ Cheque made out to Queensland Writers Centre ☐ Money order made out to Queensland Writers Centre

☐Visa ☐Mastercard

Card Number:_____ Expiry date: ____/____/_____

Signature & date: _____ Date: ____/____/_____

Applicant Checklist

☐ I have prepared my manuscript according to the Manuscript Format Instructions.

☐ I have enclosed 4 hardcopies of my manuscript which is between 48-100 pages in length.

☐ I have enclosed a cheque or money order of $20 for the entry fee OR completed credit card details section of this form.

☐ I have addressed this application to: **The 2009 Arts Queensland Thomas Shapcott Poetry Prize**
Queensland Writers Centre
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Brisbane QLD 4000

Note: Please direct queries to Samantha Littley, Administrative Assistant, Queensland Writers Centre
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