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Cannon Poets

Established in 1983, Cannon Poets meet monthly in Moseley, Birmingham. They also arrange workshops, readings and displays of members' work and produce a quarterly magazine, *The Cannon's Mouth*.

To view some of the previous competition winners and see more information about Cannon Poets and its activities please see our website:

www.cannonpoets.org.uk

Enter and pay on line or post completed form with poems and correct fee to:

**Cannon Poets,
22 Margaret Grove,
Harborne,
Birmingham
B17 9JH**

Sonnet or Not

Cannon Poets Poetry Prize 2018

Cannon Poets are pleased to announce this year's popular **Sonnet or Not** Prize. You are invited to write a poem or poems of just fourteen lines in length. You may choose any one of the traditional sonnet forms, or experiment with alternative 14 line forms perhaps using half rhyme, metarhyme or blank verse.

Prizes:

First Prize: **£500**; Second Prize: **£250**; Third Prize: **£125**

Special Offer:

Submit at least one poem with the correct fee to become eligible for one year subscription to *The Cannon's Mouth* discounted from the usual £13.00 to £11.00 [UK] or from £20 to £18 [outside UK].

Entries:

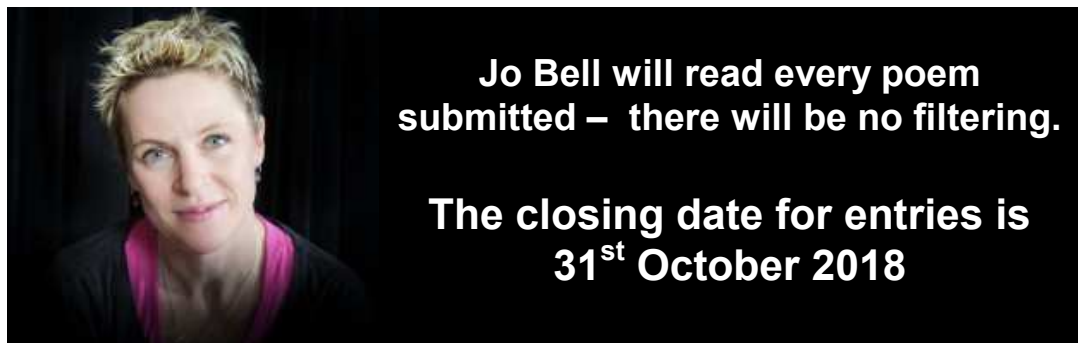
An entry will consist of one 14 line poem typed on a sheet of A4 paper [please use at least 12 point typeface]. Please ensure that each entry has its own title. There is no limit to the number of entries providing the fees are paid. Use several entry forms if necessary. The entry fee is £5.00 for the first poem and £2.50 for each additional poem submitted. Alternatively, you can now enter on line. Go to:

www.cannonpoets.org.uk/competitions

and follow the on line instructions.

Judge:

This year's judge is **Jo Bell**, an award-winning poet working across the UK with poetry talents from Ian McMillan to Brian Patten and Gwyneth Lewis. Jo is former director of National Poetry Day, sometime programmer for Ledbury Poetry Festival and others, and occasional broadcaster. Jo is the Canal Laureate of the UK. She has devised the immensely successful online poetry group 52. She has read at the Houses of Parliament, Glastonbury Festival (as poet in residence), the Southbank Centre, Paris, Stromstad, a vast number of upstairs rooms in pubs and was a guest at Buckingham Palace's reception to recognise contemporary British poetry. Jo won the Causley Prize and the Manchester Cathedral Prize in 2014. Poetry International describes her as 'part of the New Bardic Tradition'. The book *How to be a Poet*, co-written with Jane Commane was reviewed in *The Cannon's Mouth* March 2018.



**Jo Bell will read every poem
submitted – there will be no filtering.**

**The closing date for entries is
31st October 2018**

Sonnet or Not [2018] Poetry Prize

Rules of Entry

GENERAL

1. The closing date of the competition is midnight (UK time), **31st October 2018**.
2. The competition is open to anyone aged 18 or over at the time of entering.
3. International entries are welcome but all entries must be in English.
4. Under no circumstances can alterations be submitted once poems have been entered.
5. The judges' decision is final and neither the judges nor Cannon Poets will enter into any correspondence.
6. No person involved in the judging process is eligible to enter the Competition.
7. No entrant may win more than one prize.

POEMS

8. There is no limit on the number of entries a single entrant can make.
9. Entries will not be returned, so please keep a copy.
10. All entries are judged anonymously and the poet's name must not appear on the poem itself.
11. All poems must have a title and must have 14 lines (excluding title).
12. Entries can be on any subject.
13. Poems must be the original work of the entrant.
14. Entries must not have been published, self-published, published on a website or broadcast.

FEES

15. The first poem submitted costs **£5.00**. Subsequent entries in the same submission cost **£2.50** per poem.
16. Payments must be made in £ sterling. Entries accompanied by payment in a currency other than £ sterling will not be accepted.

ENTERING ON LINE

17. To enter on line go to **www.cannonpoets.org.uk** and follow the instructions.
18. Payment and submissions may be made directly from the site by Paypal or credit/debit card.
19. There is no facility for submitting by separate email.

ENTERING BY POST

20. Each poem should be on a separate sheet of A4 paper, typed or word processed in no smaller than 12 point typeface, and must include ONLY the poem and its title. Do not include your name.
21. A completed entry form and cheque for the correct fee must accompany all postal submissions. Photocopied entrance forms are acceptable.
22. Cheque/postal orders should be made payable to **Cannon Poets**. Please write your name and phone number on the back of cheques.
23. Please include a stamped addressed envelope/postcard with your entry if you would like confirmation that your postal entry has been received and/or notification of results. Telephone or email confirmation of receipt is not available. If you supply your email address, you will be notified of the results.
24. The postal address is:

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WINNERS

25. Prize winners will be notified by 31st December 2018
26. The copyright of each poem remains with the author. However, authors of the winning poems, by entering the competition, grant Cannon Poets the right to publish and/or broadcast their poem for one year from date of presentation. Winning poems will be published in *The Cannon's Mouth* and later on the Cannon Poets website. Use of the poems elsewhere during this time is subject to permission from Cannon Poets.

Cannon Poets website: www.cannonpoets.org.uk

ENTRY FORM Cannon Poets 2018 Poetry Prize

First name	OFFICE USE ONLY
Surname or Family Name	Author Number
Contact Address	No. of poems submitted
Postcode	Amount paid £
Telephone (daytime)	Eligible
Email [for automatic notification of results]	Not Eligible [Reason]
Title of Poem	[£5 for first entry, £2.50 each
	£ 5.00
	£
	£
	£
<i>The Cannon's Mouth</i> special offer subscription @ £11.00 [UK] or £18.00 [outside the UK]	£
TOTAL	£

Method of payment Cheque [£ Sterling only] / Postal Order [payable to Cannon Poets] / Cash / Other **[tick one]. Do not send cash by post.**

I give consent for information supplied by me to be used for the purposes of Cannon Poets. I also understand that Cannon Poets will only use my information for the purpose for which it is supplied unless prior consent is obtained. I have read and understood Cannon Poets Privacy Statement. I confirm I am aged 18 years or over.

- Please **acknowledge my entry** by post [Endorsed SAE enclosed.]
- Please **supply a list of winning entries** by post [SAE enclosed.]