

Celebrating 25 years of Magma



Magma Poetry is known for its unique rotating editorship. Every issue of **Magma** is edited by a different member of the **Magma** team or an occasional guest editor.

Our aim is to promote the very best in contemporary poetry. Poetry that's alert to the world we live in, that's honest and above all, unexpected. It may come from previously unpublished or emerging poets or the more established. We make a point of including unknown poets alongside known names, and we've published **Seamus Heaney, Don Paterson, Sean O'Brien, Alice Oswald, Al Alvarez, Wendy Cope, George Szirtes, Gillian Clarke, John Burnside and Mark Doty** among many others.

The first issue of **Magma** was published in March 1994, so March 2019 is our 25th anniversary. The winning poet will join **Magma's** celebrations and become part of **Magma's** unique history.

"The fact Magma Poetry will reach its 25th anniversary in 2019 is something worth celebrating and we couldn't think of a better way than by publishing a poetry pamphlet that reflects the editors' dedication to discovering the very best in contemporary poetry. Good luck!"

Lisa Kelly
Magma Chair

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open poetry pamphlet competition

DEADLINE: 25 SEPTEMBER 2018

MAGMA is celebrating its 25th anniversary next year and in the run-up to this milestone we are inviting you to enter our first ever pamphlet competition, with the chance of getting published and a celebratory launch reading in 2019

■ **1ST PRIZE:** Publication of the winning pamphlet + launch reading ■ Poets on the shortlist of 10 will each get a paragraph of feedback ■ The winner and 3 others will have a poem published in Magma ■ All shortlisted poets will have a poem published on our website ■ Judges: Magma Editors' ■ **DEADLINE:** Tuesday 25th September 2018 ■

COMPETITION RULES – Your pamphlet

- Please send us 18–24 pages of poems
- Poems should be typed in single spacing on one side of A4 paper and in 12pt
- Start each poem on a new page. Maximum 40 lines per page. If you include a poem sequence in which the poems are 14 lines long or less, then you may put two on a page
- All poems must be your original work. They may have been published in magazines (paper or online) and anthologies but not in a pamphlet or collection
- Poems must be in the English language or any of its dialects. They must be for adults and must not be translations of someone else's work
- Your pamphlet must have a title which should appear on each page. Please provide a front page with the pamphlet title and list of contents
- Entries must be anonymous. Please don't put your name or contact details on any of the pages. And don't give us any other information (e.g. magazine credits)
- If submitting by post: please send us two copies of your front page. Both copies should show the pamphlet title and a contents list. One copy only should also contain your contact details: name, address, email, phone number
- If submitting through Submittable: please put the title of your pamphlet in the title box; **do not include your name.** In the contact details box list your name, address, email, phone number. The document you upload may be a Pdf; Word .doc or .docx
- Anyone may enter unless they advise or work for Magma
- Simultaneous submissions are allowed but please let us know straight away if your pamphlet has been accepted elsewhere. The fee is not refundable
- No changes can be made once you have submitted the pamphlet
- We won't return your pamphlet so please keep a copy

HOW TO ENTER

- The deadline is midnight UK time on Tuesday 25 September. Postal entries postmarked on that date will be accepted. Submittable users: we recommend you enter well before the deadline to avoid any technical problems arising from a last-minute rush
- Entry costs £22, or £16 if you are a Magma subscriber. Non-subscribers may pay the subscribers' rate if they take out a subscription when they enter: <https://magmapoetry.com/buy-magma/>
- Payment must be in pounds sterling
- If entering by post send your poems to: Magma (Pamphlet Competition), 3 Falkland Avenue, Finchley, London, N3 1QR, England. Enclose a cheque made out to Magma Poetry. Please make sure you've put enough stamps on the letter

- Online entries open on 1 May. Please go to <https://magmapoetry.com/pamphlet-competition> and follow the instructions. You will be given the option to pay either by credit card or by PayPal
- If entering from outside the UK it's probably easier to enter online; PayPal will convert your fee to pounds sterling. But if you wish to enter by post from abroad you may do so provided you are able to include a cheque in pounds sterling
- You may enter as many pamphlets as you like

JUDGING AND RESULTS

- Entries will be read by a panel of Magma Editors' to decide on a shortlist of 10
- The Magma board will choose the winning pamphlet. A paragraph of feedback will be provided to all 10 poets
- The winner and shortlisted poets will be contacted in November/December 2018
- The winning pamphlet will be published by Magma in early 2019. Copyright will remain with the author. Magma will have the right to use any of the poems for publicity
- Magma will hold a launch in London. We'd expect the winner to help with organisation and publicity for this
- A poem from the winning pamphlet and one each from three shortlisted pamphlets will be published in Magma magazine. These poems will also be published on our website, along with a poem from each of the other shortlisted pamphlets

ENTRY FORM

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Pamphlet Title

Name

Email

Address

Postcode Contact number

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Would you like to receive our e-newsletters? YES [] NO []

(We will not share your personal details with any third parties without your consent.)

Thank you for your participation and we wish you good luck with your entry.