

magma

poetry competition

2025/26

DEADLINE **31 January 2026**

Magma's poetry competition is unique. It has two contests which run alongside each other, one for short poems of up to 10 lines, and one for poems of 11 to 50 lines.

Magma Judge's Prize

Awarded by Rishi Dastidar

Poems of 11 to 50 lines

1st Prize: £1000

2nd Prize: £300

3rd Prize: £150

Plus five special mentions.



Rishi Dastidar's third collection, *Neptune's Projects* (Nine Arches Press), was longlisted for the Laurel Prize, and a poem from it was included in *The Forward Book of Poetry 2024*. His latest publication is *A hobby of mine* (Broken Sleep Books).

Magma Editors' Prize

Awarded by Magma editors

Poems of up to 10 lines

1st Prize: £1000

2nd Prize: £300

3rd Prize: £150

Plus five special mentions.



Magma Poetry is known for its unique rotating editorship. Every issue is edited by a different member of the Magma team plus invited guest editors. A panel of editors, drawn from editors of recent issues of the magazine, will award this prize.

Winning poets will be invited to read at Magma's prize giving event in Spring 2026. The top three placed entries in both competitions will also be published in the magazine.

PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO ENTER BY POST

Post your poems with the completed entry form together with your payment to **Magma Poetry Competition, 1 Winton Ave, London N11 2AS**. Payment must be made in sterling, by cheque or money order payable to "**Magma Poetry**".

Each poem must be on a separate sheet. Poems longer than one page must give their title on the second page and the pages should be stapled together. Do not include your name or any other identifying marks on the poems themselves.

The entry fees are **£5 for the first poem, £4 for the second, and £3.50 for the third and each subsequent poem.**

Reduced fees for Magma magazine subscribers: **£4 for the first poem, £3 for the second, and £2.50 for the third and each subsequent poem.** You can subscribe to the magazine with your postal entry by checking the 'Subscribe now' box on the form and adding **£22.00** to your reduced fees amount.

Please read full instructions and competition rules at www.magmapoetry.com/competition.

POSTAL ENTRY FORM

Name

Email

Address

Contact number

Number of poem(s) for Judge's Prize (11-50 lines)

Number of poem(s) for Editors' Prize (up to 10 lines)

Title(s) of poem(s) (please mark entries for Judge's Prize with 'J' and Editors' Prize with 'E').

(Continue overleaf if you are submitting more than 5 poems)

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You may subscribe to the magazine with your entry, either using this form or online via PayPal, and benefit from the reduced entry fees.

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Postal entries with payment should be sent to: **Magma Poetry Competition, 1 Winton Ave, London N11 2AS** and be postmarked no later than **31 January 2026**.

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