

**ENTRY FORM**

Name:.....

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Please tick to consent to your details being used to inform you about next year's competition

Titles (continue on separate sheet):

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<b>Entries :</b> (£4 per poem, 3 for £10, £3 per poem thereafter) <b>NB two copies of each poem</b>	£
<b>Anthologies:</b> (£4 per copy plus £1p&p)	£
<b>Membership subscription:</b> (£18 per year, £24 overseas, £12 students)	£
<b>Please indicate method of payment:</b> <b>Cheque/postal order</b> to Ver Poets <b>Bank Transfer</b> to : 40-40-01 82410419	



Kathryn Maris is an American poet and creative writing tutor based in London. Her full length collections include *The Book of Jobs* (Four Way Books, 2006) and *God Loves You* (Seren, 2013)

Her work has appeared in *Penguin Modern Poets 5*, *The Pushcart Prize Anthology*, *The Best British Poetry*, *The Forward Book of Poetry 2017*, *Granta* and *Poetry*.

Kathryn's third collection *The House With Only An Attic And A Basement* (Penguin UK) was published in May 2018.

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**VER POETS  
OPEN  
COMPETITION  
2019**

Adjudicator – **Kathryn Maris**

**FIRST PRIZE £600**

**SECOND PRIZE £300**

**THIRD PRIZE £100**

**CLOSING DATE: APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

**Winning and selected poems published in the competition anthology**

**[www.verpoets.co.uk](http://www.verpoets.co.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 Kathryn Maris will receive **all** entries. Her 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, £3 per poem thereafter**. Payments may be made by bank transfer or cheques/postal orders (sterling only). It is not advisable to send cash in the post.

A donation will be made from the proceeds to **The OLLIE Foundation** which funds suicide prevention training, particularly to those working with young people.

Entries must be received no later than **April 30<sup>th</sup> 2019**.

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 2019*, may be ordered by including a payment £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, June 29<sup>th</sup> 2019 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.co.uk](http://www.verpoets.co.uk), in July.

Please send entries to:

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

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**Subscriptions may be sent with your competition entry.**

For further details visit

**[www.verpoets.co.uk](http://www.verpoets.co.uk)**

or contact our Membership Secretary:  
[gregsmith480@gmail.com](mailto:gregsmith480@gmail.com)