ENTRY FORM

Name:...........................................

Address:......................................

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Postcode:....................................

Telephone:.................................

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

1. Titles (continue on separate sheet):

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Entries: (£4 per poem, 3 for £10, £3 per poem thereafter) £

NB two copies of each poem

Anthologies: (£4 per copy plus £1 p&p) £

Membership subscription: (£18 per year, £24 overseas, £12 students) £

Please indicate method of payment:
Cheque/postal order to Ver Poets
Bank Transfer to: 40-40-01 82410419

Jacqueline Saphra is a playwright, librettist and poet. Her second collection, All My Mad Mothers from Nine Arches Press was shortlisted for the 2017 T.S. Eliot prize. In the same year A Bargain with the Light: Poems after Lee Miller was published by Hercules Editions. Her latest collection is Dad, Remember You Are Dead from Nine Arches Press. She teaches and mentors for The Poetry School.

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VER POETS OPEN COMPETITION 2020

Adjudicator – Jacqueline Saphra

FIRST PRIZE £600
SECOND PRIZE £300
THIRD PRIZE £100

CLOSING DATE: APRIL 30TH 2020

Winning and selected poems published in the competition anthology

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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 Jacqueline Saphra 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 Herts Domestic Abuse Helpline which is a confidential, free support and signposting service for anyone affected by domestic abuse.

Entries must be received no later than April 30th 2020.

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 2020, 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 27th 2020 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, in July.

Please send entries to:
Competition Secretary
181 Sandridge Road
St Albans
Herts
AL1 4AH

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or contact our Membership Secretary: gregsmith480@gmail.com