

## ENTRY FORM

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<b>Entries :</b> (£4 per poem, 3 for £10, £2 per poem thereafter)	£
<b>Anthologies:</b> (£4 per copy plus 50p p&p)	£
<b>Membership subscription:</b> (£18 per year, £24 overseas, £12 students)	£
<b>Total:</b> (cheques/p.o.s payable to Ver Poets)	£



Mimi Khalvati has published seven collections with Carcanet Press, including *The Meanest Flower* (2007), which was a Poetry Book Society Recommendation and shortlisted for the TS Eliot Prize. Her most recent collection, *Child: New and Selected Poems 1991-2011* is a Poetry Book Society Special Commendation. Mimi is the founder of The Poetry School, where she teaches, and was the Coordinator from 1997-2004. She was poet in residence at the Royal Mail and has held fellowships with the Royal Literary Fund at City University, at the International Writing Program in Iowa and the American School in London. Her awards include a Cholmondeley Award from the Society of Authors, a major Arts Council Award and she is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

# VER POETS OPEN COMPETITION 2012

Adjudicator – **Mimi Khalvati**

**FIRST PRIZE £600**

**SECOND PRIZE £300**

**THIRD PRIZE £100**

**CLOSING DATE: APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> 2012**

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

**[www.verpoets.org.uk](http://www.verpoets.org.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 Mimi Khalvati 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 typewritten 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, £2 per poem thereafter**. Cheques/postal orders (sterling only) should be made payable to **Ver Poets**. It is not advisable to send cash in the post.

A donation will be made from the proceeds to **Herts Against Cancer**, a cancer research charity based in St Albans.

Entries must be received no later than **April 30<sup>th</sup> 2012**.

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.

**Copies of the competition anthology *The Ver Prize 2012* may be ordered by enclosing a cheque for £4 per copy plus 50p post and packaging.**

Selected and prizewinning poets will be informed by post in June and prizes will be awarded at an adjudication event during the St Albans Arts Festival in July.

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.org.uk](http://www.verpoets.org.uk), in July.

Please send entries to:

**Competitions Secretary**

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

Ver Poets has a local and national membership. Monthly evening meetings provide a varied programme of guest readers, discussion, workshops and a forum for members' work.

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

For further details visit

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

or contact our Membership Secretary:  
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