

Brittle Star Competition

Inaugural Brittle Star Poetry and Short Fiction Competition

Judges

MIMI KHALVATI (Poetry)
 DAVID CONSTANTINE (Short Fiction)
 JACQUELINE GABBITAS (Poetry and Short Fiction)

“Write what will stop your breath if you don't write – Grace Paley”

Prizes First Prizes: £250 per genre*
 Second Prizes: £100 • Third Prizes: £50
 All winners will be published in *Brittle Star* and invited to a launch and prize giving event in London
 *Single prizes will be awarded separately for short fiction and poetry

About the Judges

MIMI KHALVATI has published several poetry collections with Carcanet, including *The Meanest Flower*, a Financial Times Book of the Year, shortlisted for the T.S. Eliot Prize; and *Child: New and Selected Poems*, a PBS Special Commendation (2011). Her recent pamphlet *Earthshine* (Smith|Doorstop, 2013) was a PBS Pamphlet Choice.

DAVID CONSTANTINE has published several books of poetry, most recently, *Nine Fathom Deep* (Bloodaxe, 2009). His short story collections are *Back at the Spike* (Ryburn) *Under the Dam* (Comma, 2005), *The Shieling* (Comma, 2009) and *Tea at the Midland and Other Stories* (Comma, 2013), which won the Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award 2013.

JACQUELINE GABBITAS is co-editor of *Brittle Star*. Her poetry has been published in *Poetry Review* and *The Forward Prize Anthology*, and her short collections include *Mid Lands* (Hearing Eye, 2007) and *Earthworks* (Stonewood Press, 2012). She has read at The Oxford Times Literary Festival and on BBC Radio 3's The Verb.

CLOSING DATE: 12TH MARCH 2014

Entry form – please see rules of entry on reverse
 Please write your details clearly in the space provided and send along with your work and payment to: Brittle Star Competition, 97 Benefield Road, Oundle, Peterborough PE8 4EU.

Name:

Address:

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Postcode: Tel:

Email:

Subscribe today for £12.00 UK or £20 World (inc. p&pp) and get your second entry for **free**

Title of work(s) Poetry Short Story (please tick genre) Fee

1. £4.00

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2. £3.00

3. £3.00

4. £3.00

5. £3.00

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Payment total:

Please make cheques payable to **Brittle Star**

I have read and accepted the competition rules

Office use only: Entry numbers

Rules

- The closing date of the competition is 12th March 2014
- There is no limit on the number of entries
- Entries must be accompanied by an entry form
- Entries will not be returned, so please do keep a copy
- No alterations can be made to poems or stories once entered
- Entries must not have been published before (including self-published, published on a website or broadcast)
- Entries should be typed and printed on A4 paper (one side only)
- Entries must be written in English. Translations are not eligible
- No email entries
- Brittle Star reserves the right to change the judges without notice
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Poems and Short Fiction

- Entries can be on any subject
- All entries are judged anonymously so the writer's name **must not** appear on the work itself
- All **poems** must have a title and must not exceed **60 lines** (excluding title)
- All **stories** must have a title and must not exceed **2000 words** (excluding title). Stories should be 2.0 line spaced, 12 point font
- **Poems and stories** must be the original work of the entrant.

Fees

- The first poem/story submitted costs £4. Subsequent entries in the same submission cost £3 per poem/story. Brittle Star subscribers (including those subscribing at time of submission) get one free **second** entry
- Payments must be made in £ sterling. Please make cheques payable to 'BRITTLE STAR'.

Winners

- Prizewinners will be notified by the end of May 2014
- The copyright of each poem remains with the author. Authors of the winning poems or stories, by entering the competition, grant Brittle Star the right to publish it and use it in promotional material
- Entry implies acceptance of the rules. Failure to comply with all the rules will result in disqualification.

Brittle Star is unable to pay travel and accommodation costs for winners attending the prize giving.

For a larger version of the application form and rules please go to our website: www.brittlestar.org.uk