

Wellington Sonnet Competition 2008

Entry form

Name.....

Address.....

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Telephone number.....

Email.....

Title of sonnet(s)

List the titles below then attach each sonnet, including its title but not the author's name, on a separate A4 sheet.

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Enclosed entry fee \$.....

(\$10 for first sonnet, \$5 per additional sonnet in same entry)

Please make cheques payable to **New Zealand Society of Authors, Wellington Branch.**

I have read and accept the conditions of entry of the Wellington Sonnet Competition 2008.

Signed..... Date.....

Post entries to arrive by 22 September 2008 to:
Wellington Sonnet Competition 2008, Wellington Writers Walk
PO Box 22180
Khandallah
Wellington 6441

The Wellington Writers Walk is an initiative of the New Zealand Society of Authors, Wellington Branch

Wellington Sonnet Competition 2008

Wellington needs a sonnet. London has 'Upon Westminster Bridge' by William Wordsworth and in more recent times, other poets have written sonnets about their favourite cities. So have you got what it takes to write Wellington's sonnet? We are looking for the best unpublished sonnets about Wellington and you could be in to win \$1000.

This competition, sponsored by **New Zealand Post**, is being run as a promotion for the Wellington Writers Walk, an initiative of the **New Zealand Society of Authors, Wellington Branch**. The walk pays tribute to nineteen New Zealand authors with a series of sculptural and 'benchmark' quotations set in surprising and unexpected places around the waterfront.

The Wellington Writers Walk is continuing to develop, assisted by generous individual sponsorships for each commemoration and overseen by a small, voluntary committee. By entering this competition, you are contributing to the continuity of the project.

Find out more about the walk at:

www.bookcouncil.org.nz/tourism/destinations/wellingtonwriterswalk.html

Prizes

1st prize \$1,000

2nd prize \$500

3rd prize \$250

Plus 10 highly commended prizes of \$50 each

Prize winners will be announced in early December 2008.

How to enter

1. Write your sonnet about Wellington. It must be *exactly* 14 lines long (excluding title).
2. Make sure you read the conditions of entry as detailed below.
3. Send in your entry accompanied by the fee – \$10 for the first poem submitted, \$5 for each additional poem – to Wellington Sonnet Competition 2008, Wellington Writers Walk, PO Box 22180, Khandallah, Wellington 6441.
4. Post your entry to arrive by the closing date of 22 September 2008.

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Conditions of entry

1. The poem must be about the city of Wellington in New Zealand.
2. All entries must be *exactly* 14 lines long (excluding title). For the purposes of this competition any poem of fourteen lines, regardless of the length of the line, or whether the poem rhymes or not, will qualify.
3. Entry is open to all writers, whether living in New Zealand or not.
4. All poems entered must be the entrant's own original work and not copied in whole or in part from the work of any other writer.
5. All entries must be previously unpublished in any printed or electronic form. Entries should not appear on the internet or on the writer's own website during the period of the competition.
6. All entries must be in English or Maori. Each poem entered must be typewritten on a separate sheet of A4 paper bearing the title of the poem but not the writer's name.
7. Entries will not be returned unless specifically requested with the inclusion of a stamped self-addressed envelope.
8. All entries must be accompanied by a fee of \$10 for the first poem and \$5 for each additional poem submitted in the same entry. Later entries by the same person will each be subject to the full administration fee of \$10 for the first poem and \$5 per additional poem.
9. Entries will be judged by one or more established New Zealand poets. The name(s) of the judge(s) will be released after entries have closed.
10. Winners will receive \$1,000 for the first prize, \$500 for the second prize, and \$250 for the third prize. There will be 10 highly commended prizes awarded of \$50 each. Winners will be notified by telephone or email and announcements of winners will be made in the media. The winning entry will not result in a permanent inscription on the Wellington Writers Walk, but will be published or broadcast in appropriate media outlets at the time of the announcement of the winning and highly commended sonnets.
11. The organisers shall have the unrestricted right to publish or broadcast the winning and highly commended sonnets in whole or in part for up to 12 months after the announcement of the prize winners and highly commended entries.
12. Members of the Wellington Writers Walk committee and their families are not eligible.
13. Entries must be received by the closing date, 22 September 2008.
14. No correspondence will be entered into about the judges' decisions.
15. The organisers will collect and use your details only for the purpose of this competition. We will hold your information securely. You may look at and correct personal information that we hold about you.
16. By entering the competition, you accept these terms and conditions.

A note on sonnets

The sonnet is one of the oldest of all poetic forms and the traditional sonnet has formal and distinctive rhyming schemes. Entrants can research and use these traditional forms if they wish. However, the **only** criteria for this competition are that the poem should be exactly 14 lines long and about the city of Wellington.