

the fifth annual

Anthony Hecht Poetry Prize

The Waywiser Press is now accepting submissions of poetry manuscripts for the fifth annual Anthony Hecht Poetry Prize. The postmark deadline for submissions is December 1st 2009.

The Winner Receives

- 1) \$3,000 or £1,750, paid in May 2010
- 2) Publication of the winning manuscript by Waywiser both in the United States and in the United Kingdom in Autumn 2010.

Eligibility

- 1) Entrants must be at least 18 years of age.
- 2) Entrants may not have published more than one previous collection of poems, though they may have published an unlimited number of books belonging to other genres, and individual poems from the submitted collection may have been published in magazines, journals, anthologies, chapbooks of 32 pages or less, or self-published books of 46 pages or less.
- 3) Nobody who has a book published by or forthcoming from Waywiser may enter.
- 4) Manuscripts must be in English, and the original work of the entrant (though as much as one third of the poems they contain may consist of public-domain or permission-secured translations).

Judging and Announcement of Winner

The final judge's decision will be made known in May 2010, and the news will be posted at www.waywiser-press.com/hechtprize.html at that time.

Guidelines

(i) Format

- 1) Manuscripts must be a minimum of 50 and a maximum of 100 pages.
- 2) Manuscripts must be typed or word-processed – preferably in 11-point type – on standard white paper, using one side of the paper only.
- 3) Pages must be numbered consecutively, and a table of contents, as well as a list of acknowledgements (where appropriate), should be supplied.
- 4) The author's name and contact details -- i.e. physical address, phone number and email address (where possible) -- must appear on the front page of the manuscript.
- 5) No illustrative material should be sent, unless it forms an inextricable part of the manuscript.
- 6) A list of previous publications (where applicable) should be enclosed.
- 7) Manuscripts should be bound with a spring- or bulldog-clip (no paperclips or staples, please, and no folders, files or boxes).

- 8) If you would like notification of receipt of entry, please include a stamped self-addressed postcard with the words "Hecht Prize: Entry Received" appropriately entered.
- 9) If you would like notification of the results, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope.
- 10) Faxed or emailed submissions cannot be considered.

(ii) Entry Fee

\$25 for residents of the USA

£15 for residents of the UK and the rest of the world

(iii) Submission Procedure

1) Please complete the entry form below, combine it with your stamped self-addressed postcard and/or envelope (if required), your manuscript and a cheque for your entry fee (made payable to The Waywiser Press), and post to one of the two addresses shown below. The postmark deadline for submissions is December 1st 2009, and no entries postmarked later than that will be accepted.

If you are a resident of North America, your submission should be sent to: The Anthony Hecht Poetry Prize, The Waywiser Press, P.O. Box 6205, Baltimore, MD 21206, USA.

All other entrants should send their submissions to: The Anthony Hecht Poetry Prize, The Waywiser Press, 29A Carr Hill Road, Upper Cumberworth, Huddersfield, HD8 8NW, UK.

- 2) Entrants may submit a manuscript elsewhere simultaneously, but must immediately notify Waywiser of its withdrawal from the competition if it is accepted for publication by another organization.
- 3) Once submitted, a manuscript may not be altered, though the winner of the prize will be given the opportunity to revise before publication.
- 4) Manuscripts cannot be returned. As a result, we strongly advise all entrants to keep a copy of their submission.
- 5) Waywiser cannot accept responsibility for missing submissions.
- 6) If the judge is not satisfied that a high enough standard has been met, the press reserves the right not to award a prize in a particular year.

The decision of the judge is final.

Submission of a manuscript will be deemed to constitute acceptance of all of the provisions set out above.

Entry Form

for the fifth annual

ANTHONY HECHT POETRY PRIZE

Please complete in block capitals

Author's Name _____

Title of Manuscript _____

Number of pages _____

Address _____

_____ (zip/post code _____ (country) _____)

Daytime Telephone Number _____

Evening Telephone Number _____

Fax Number (if any) _____

E-mail address (if any) _____

Where did you hear about this contest? _____

Checklist

I enclose (please check relevant boxes)

1 cheque for \$25 / £15 made out to The Waywiser Press

1 manuscript

1 stamped self-addressed postcard for notification of receipt

1 stamped self-addressed envelope for notification of results.

Date _____ Signature _____