

the seventh annual

**Anthony Hecht Poetry Prize**

The Waywiser Press is now accepting submissions of poetry manuscripts for the seventh annual Anthony Hecht Poetry Prize. Manuscripts submitted online must be received by midnight on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2011; manuscripts submitted by post may be postmarked no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.

**The Winner Receives**

- 1) £1,750 or \$3,000, paid in May 2012
- 2) Publication of the winning manuscript by Waywiser both in the United States and in the United Kingdom in Autumn 2012.

**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 2012, and the news will be posted at <http://.waywiser-press.com/hechtprize.html> at that time.

**Guidelines**

**(i) Format**

- 1) Manuscripts must be a minimum of 50 and a maximum of 85 pages.
- 2) Manuscripts must be typed or word-processed – preferably in 11-point type – on standard paper.
- 3) Pages must be numbered consecutively, and a table of contents, as well as a list of acknowledgements (where appropriate), should be included.
- 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 and nowhere else.
- 5) No illustrative material should be sent, unless it forms an inextricable part of the manuscript.
- 6) A list of previous poetry book publications should be included, and with it a list of the magazines in which you have had poems published.

- 7) 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.
- 8) Once submitted, a manuscript may not be altered, though the winner of the prize will be given the opportunity to revise before publication.
- 9) Waywiser cannot accept responsibility for missing submissions.
- 10) If the judge is not satisfied that a high-enough standard has been met, the press reserves the right not to award the 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.

(ii) Entry Fee

Online submission: US \$27, or the equivalent in whatever currency your card draws on. (Please note that the difference between this and the postal submission fee shown below is to cover the online submission administration costs.)

Postal submission: £15 or US \$25.

(iii) Submission Procedure

(a) Online

- 1) Manuscripts may be submitted between August 1st 2011 and December 1st 2011.
- 1) Only single file submissions can be accepted, so if your manuscript is stored in multiple files, they will need to be amalgamated.
- 2) We can accept files in three different formats: Doc, Docx and PDF. Please do not lock the file you submit (i.e. make it impossible for us to print or cut and paste from it).
- 3) You will need to have your credit or debit card or PayPal account details ready, since you will only be allowed to submit after the entry fee has been paid.
- 4) When you are ready to upload your manuscript, please go to: <http://waywiserpress.submishmash.com/Submit>
- 5) If you wish to withdraw your manuscript for any reason, please contact us directly rather than using the submission manager. Fees cannot be refunded.

(b) Postal

- 1) Please complete the entry form (see below for instructions on how to obtain this), combine it with your stamped self-addressed postcard and/or envelope (if desired), your manuscript and a cheque for your entry fee **MADE PAYABLE TO THE WAYWISER PRESS**. You should post everything to one of the two addresses shown below. As stated above, the postmark deadline for submissions is December 1st 2011, and no late entries will be accepted.

Residents of the UK and all other non-USA residents should send to:

The Anthony Hecht Poetry Prize  
The Waywiser Press  
29A, Carr Hill Road  
Upper Cumberworth  
Huddersfield  
HD8 8NW  
UK

Residents of the USA should send to:

The Anthony Hecht Poetry Prize  
The Waywiser Press  
P.O. Box 6205  
Baltimore  
MD 21206  
USA

- 2) Manuscripts should be bound with a spring- or bulldog-clip (no paperclips or staples, please, and no folders, files or boxes).
- 3) 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.
- 4) If you would like notification of the results, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope.
- 5) Manuscripts cannot be returned. As a result, we strongly advise all entrants to keep a copy of their submission.

Entry Form  
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*Please complete in block capitals*

Author's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Manuscript \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pages \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (post/zip 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 \_\_\_\_\_