



High Corrie, Isle of Arran, Scotland

Entry Form

Don't forget that it's easy to enter the competition via the Mclellan Festival Website at www.mclellanawards.co.uk. Alternatively please complete this form in block capitals, attach poems, enclose payment and send to: The McLellan Poetry Award, Corriegills Farm, Corriegills, Isle of Arran, KA27 8BL, Scotland

Title First Name..... Surname.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Telephone No.....Email.....

Number of Poems.....

Title of Poems (*Continue on a separate sheet if necessary*)

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Total payment £.....I enclose a cheque for £.....
 (made payable to Arran Theatre and Arts Trust Ltd)

Where did you hear about the competition?.....

The McLellan Poetry Award 2009

for poems in Scots and English



SANNOX ISLE OF ARRAN SCOTLAND AUGUST

Judge: Robert Crawford

Closing Date 31st July 2009



First Prize £1000

Second Prize £350

Third Prize £150



Sponsored by the Scots Language Centre
 Best Poem in Scots £100

Additional Prizes : Youth Award £100
 Local Award £100

Judge Jason Watts

Enter online at www.mclellanawards.co.uk

The McLellan Poetry Award is now in its fifth year. It began as a local competition on the Isle of Arran under the umbrella of the McLellan Festival. The award commemorates the work of playwright, poet and short story writer Robert McLellan who spent most of his working life on Arran writing exclusively in Scots. The McLellan Poetry Award invites entries in all varieties of Scots and in English and judges them in a single category. Poems may be on any subject and will be judged anonymously.



Robert Crawford was born in Lanarkshire in 1959 and grew up there. His first collection of poems, *A Scottish Assembly*, was published in 1990; his most recent collection, 'Full Volume', came from Cape in 2008 and was shortlisted for the T S Eliot Prize. His 'Selected Poems' were published by Cape in 2005. Most of his poems are in English, but some are in Scots. With the late Mick Imlah he edited 'The Penguin Book of Scottish Verse' (Penguin Classics, 2006). His prose books include the widely praised 'Scotland's Books' (Penguin, 2007) and 'The Bard' (Cape, 2009), a biography of Robert Burns. Robert Crawford is Professor of Modern Scottish Literature at the University of St Andrews.

The Competition Rules **Please read carefully.**

The competition is open to anyone aged 18 or over. Poems must not exceed 40 lines (not including title). The closing date of the competition is 31st July 2009. Entries may be in Scots or English. The competition is open to non-UK applicants. Each poem must be given a title. All poems are judged anonymously and the name of the poet must not appear on the manuscript. Poems must not have been previously published, self-published, published on a website, or broadcast, and must be the original work of the author. There is no restriction on the number of poems submitted by each applicant. Each poem will be judged separately. Entries will only be accepted when accompanied by an entry form (forms may be photocopied). One entry form covers multiple entries. Competition entries cannot be returned under any circumstances. Poems for the McLellan Poetry Award may be on any subject. Alterations cannot be made to poems after they have been submitted nor fees refunded. Online entries will be confirmed by the email receipt from PayPal. Receipt of postal entries will only be confirmed if an SAE/postcard is enclosed. The competition organisers

are NOT able to confirm receipt of entries via telephone. Please ensure you use the correct postage

Format

Poems to be on one side only of A4 paper (i.e. not double sided). Poems to be typed in single spacing. Please use **a simple black font**. E.g. Times New Roman. Do not use staples on your manuscript. **Please supply two copies of each poem.**

Fees

Each single entry costs £5. Each group of 4 entries cost £15. Only sterling (cheques, postal orders or money orders) will be accepted. Cheques must be drawn from UK banks. **Please make cheques payable to Arran Theatre and Arts Trust Ltd.**

Best Local Poem and Best Youth Poem Prizes.

To qualify for the **local award** entrants must be resident on Arran. To qualify for the **youth award** entrants must be over 12 and no more than 18 years of age at the competition closing date. All rules and fees for the main competition apply to these awards, obviously entrants to the local award will also be eligible for the main award.

Judging

The organisers reserve the right to change the judge without notice and not to award prizes if, in the opinion of the judge, such action is justified. Experienced readers will sift the entries and provide the named judge with a long list of 300 poems.

Results

All winners will be contacted on or by 4th September 2009. The winning poems will appear on our website within a week of the prizes being presented. If you wish postal notification please send a stamped, self addressed postcard, marked 'results', with your entry.

Copyright

The copyright of each poem remains with the author. Authors of the winning poems will grant Arran Theatre and Arts Trust the right to publish or broadcast the poems for one year from September 2009.

Please note

Submission of entry will be deemed to imply unqualified acceptance of the competitions rules and conditions. The judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.