



THE RIALTO

NATURE & PLACE POETRY COMPETITION 2022

THE RIALTO WORKING IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE RSPB, BIRDLIFE INTERNATIONAL, THE CAMBRIDGE CONSERVATION INITIATIVE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS POETRY CENTRE.

Poems are invited that deal with any aspect of nature and place – these terms will be given a wide interpretation by the judge Gillian Clarke.

PRIZES

1st prize **£1000**
2nd prize **£500**
3rd prize **£250**

The winning poems will be published in *The Rialto*

Closing Date March 1st 2022

JUDGE – Gillian Clarke

National Poet of Wales 2008-2016

Gillian Clarke was born in Cardiff and lives in Ceredigion. Her work has been on the GCSE and A Level exam syllabus for over thirty years, and she performs her poetry regularly for student audiences at Poetry Live, and in several European cities. Gillian was awarded the Queen's Gold medal for Poetry in 2010, the Wilfred Owen Award in 2012. Prose works include a writer's journal, *At the Source*. She has written radio and theatre drama, and translated poetry and prose from Welsh. *The Gathering/Yr Helfa*, commissioned by the National Theatre of Wales, was performed on Snowdon in September, 2014. Picador published her *Selected Poems* in 2016. Her tenth collection of poems, *Zoology*, was published by Carcanet in 2017. 2021 has seen two new publications, *Roots Home: Essays and a Journal*, published by Carcanet, and her version of the book-long 7th century Welsh poem, *Y Gododdin*, published by Faber.

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ENTER AND PAY ONLINE AT WWW.THERIALTO.CO.UK

ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FEES

£7 FOR YOUR FIRST POEM £4 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT POEM

The prizewinners will be invited to read their poems at an event with Gillian Clarke at CCI in June 2022.

The winning poems will be published in The Rialto, Britain's leading independent poetry magazine.

You can also enter and pay online via [submittable](http://www.therialto.co.uk). Go to www.therialto.co.uk and follow the link

YOUR DETAILS AND ENTRY

POSTAL ENTRY FORM

Complete this form (in BLOCK CAPITALS) and send it with your poems and payment (cheque payable to The Rialto) to:

Nature and Place Competition, 66 Salisbury Road, Norwich NR1 1TU

Name

Address

Postcode

Email

Phone

Poem Titles (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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	Quantity	Fee
First poem	1	£7
All other entries		£4 per poem
Total		£

Please make your cheques (Sterling only) out to The Rialto.

I have read and accept the competition rules

If you wish to be included in mailings for competitions and offers from The Rialto tick here

Signature

COMPETITION RULES

- Closing date of the Competition is midnight on March 1 2022.
- The Competition is open to anyone over the age of 18, other than Rialto team members and staff of the RSPB, CCI, UK staff of BirdLife International and the University of Leeds Poetry Centre.
- Poems must have a title and must be no more than 40 lines, excluding the title, and be typed in black ink on one side of A4.
- Poems must be the original work of the entrant and must not have been published, self-published or published online or broadcast. Poems are judged anonymously so the poet's name address etc., MUST NOT appear on the poem.
- Poems must be written in English.
- No corrections can be made to poems entered, nor can fees be refunded.
- Entries cannot be returned.
- If you require confirmation that your postal entry has arrived please enclose a stamped self-addressed postcard marked 'Acknowledgement'.
- Copyright of each poem remains with the poet, but by entering the competition you give the organisers the right to publish the winning poems both online and in printed media.
- The judge's decision is final and neither they nor the organisers will enter into any correspondence.
- Prizewinners will be notified in April, and lists of the prizewinners and the long-listed contestants will be published on The Rialto website. The long list is not a list of all the entrants. It is the list from which the judge's final choices are selected.
- The competition organisers reserve the right to change the judge without notice and not to award prizes if in the judge's opinion such an action is justified.

There are a limited number of free entries available for writers on low incomes. These will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, and will cover the submission of up to two poems. To qualify, you should be in receipt in one or more of the following: Universal Credit, or any of the benefits that it is replacing, DLA (or PIP), Council Tax Support, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit, or international equivalents. To enter, please email your poem to matt.howard@therialto.co.uk along with a scan of a recent letter proving your eligibility. Entries will be anonymised and entered into the Submittable system.