



THE RIALTO

NATURE & PLACE

POETRY COMPETITION 2024

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 Zaffar Kunial.

PRIZES

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

The winning poems will be published in The Rialto

Closing Date April 1st 2024

JUDGE – ZAFFAR KUNIAL

Zaffar Kunial was born in Birmingham and lives in Hebden Bridge. He is a recipient of Yale University's Windham-Campbell Prize and his first poetry collection, *Us*, published by Faber & Faber in 2018 appeared on a number of shortlists including the Costa Poetry Award and the T. S. Eliot Prize. His second collection, *England's Green*, was The Times Poetry Book of the Year and was placed 2nd in the Laurel Prize for environmental or nature poetry.



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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 at CCI in summer 2024.

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

You can also enter and pay [online](#) via submittable.

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 | £7.00 |
| 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 April 1 2024.
- 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 May and lists of the prizewinners and the long-listed contestants will be published on The Rialto website.
- 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 or supported incomes. These will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis and will cover the submission of up to two poems. To enter, please email your work to matt.howard@therialto.co.uk. Entries will be anonymised and entered into the Submittable system.