

**ENTRY FORM**

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Telephone:.....

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Titles (continue on separate sheet):

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<b>Entries :</b> (£4 per poem, 3 for £10, £2 per poem thereafter) NB two copies of each poem	£
<b>Anthologies:</b> (£4 per copy plus £1 p&p)	£
<b>Membership subscription:</b> (£18 per year, £24 overseas, £12 students)	£
<b>Total:</b> (cheques/p.o.s payable to Ver Poets)	£



**About Clare Pollard**

Clare Pollard was born in Bolton in 1978 and currently lives in London. Her first collection of poetry, *The Heavy-Petting Zoo* (Bloodaxe, 1998) was written whilst she was still at school, and received an Eric Gregory Award. It was followed by *Bedtime* (Bloodaxe, 2002) and *Look, Clare! Look!* (Bloodaxe, 2005), which was made a set text on the WJEC A-level syllabus. Her fourth collection *Changeling*, was published in June 2011, and is a Poetry Book Society Recommendation. In 2003 she won a Society of Authors travel award and an Arts Council writer's award. *The Independent* named her one of their Top Writers Under 30.

Clare's first play *The Weather* (Faber, 2004) premiered at the Royal Court Theatre and in 2012 she co-wrote the radio play *Surface to Air* with WN Herbert for BBC Radio 4. She has toured widely with the British Council, including a residency in Beijing, and been involved in numerous translation projects. Clare's latest translation is *Ovid's Heroines* (Bloodaxe, 2013)

**VER POETS  
OPEN  
COMPETITION  
2014**

Adjudicator – **Clare Pollard**

**FIRST PRIZE £600**

**SECOND PRIZE £300**

**THIRD PRIZE £100**

**CLOSING DATE: APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> 2014**

**Winning and selected poems published in the competition anthology**

**www.verpoets.org.uk**

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Ver Poets Open Competition is for poems on any theme and in any form. It is open to anybody aged 16 or over.

There is no initial sifting process and Clare Pollard will receive **all** entries. Her decision is final.

To be eligible for the competition, poems must be **no more than 30 lines in length**. Each poem should be typed clearly, in English, on one side only of A4: one poem only per sheet, **TWO COPIES OF EACH POEM** please.

**Competitors' names and addresses must not appear anywhere on the poems.**

Please write your contact details and the titles of all poems clearly on the entry form.

Competitors may submit any number of poems for a fee of **£4.00 per poem, 3 poems for £10, £2 per poem thereafter**. Cheques/postal orders (sterling only) should be made payable to **Ver Poets**. It is not advisable to send cash in the post.

A donation will be made from the proceeds to Open Door which supports homeless people in the local area.

Entries must be received no later than **April 30<sup>th</sup> 2014**.

Poems must be the original work of the competitor. They should not have been published, or accepted for publication, in print or online. They should not have won prizes in other competitions, be simultaneously entered for other competitions or be translations of other poets' work. No competitor may win more than one prize.

The copyright of all poems selected for the anthology will remain with the author but we reserve the right to publish the prizewinning poems on our website. **Copies of the competition anthology *The Ver Prize 2014* may be ordered by enclosing a cheque for £4 per copy plus £1 post and packaging.**

Selected and prizewinning poets will be informed by post in June and prizes will be awarded at our poetry afternoon on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 2014.

For an acknowledgement of your entry, please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope marked 'receipt'. For a results list, please enclose an SAE marked 'results'. Results will be posted on our website, [www.verpoets.org.uk](http://www.verpoets.org.uk), in July.

Please send entries to:

**Competitions Secretary**

**181 Sandridge Road  
St Albans  
Herts  
AL1 4AH**

Ver Poets has a local and national membership. Monthly evening meetings provide a varied programme of guest readers, discussion, workshops and a forum for members' work.

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**Subscriptions may be sent with your competition entry.**

For further details visit

**[www.verpoets.org.uk](http://www.verpoets.org.uk)**

or contact our Membership Secretary:  
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