



Ware Poets

OPEN POETRY COMPETITION 2010

CLOSING DATE : 30th APRIL 2010

PRIZES : 1st - £500 2nd - £200 3rd - £100

plus **THE REDPAGE SONNET PRIZE** of £100
awarded for the best sonnet submitted and sponsored by
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Sole adjudicator : **ROBERT SEATTER**

Robert Seatter has published two collections: *On the Beach with Chet Baker* and *Travelling to the Fish Orchards* (both with Seren). Before that, he was selected for inclusion in *Anvil New Poets 3 (2000)*.

He has won many awards and nominations for his poetry, including the National Poetry Competition, Poetry London, Forward Poetry Prize, Tabla, and Housman Poetry Prize. His work has appeared in various publications and magazines as well as on TV and radio and even the London buses.

He lives in London where he works for the BBC, following earlier careers in publishing, acting and teaching, and has recently joined the board of **The Poetry Trust**.

"A confident and accessible voice" – Oxford Poetry

"A gloriously individual voice" – Planet

"Fresh, uncluttered poetry" – Poetry Wales

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Ware Poets Competition Anthology 2010

We shall once again be producing an **Anthology** of the winning and shortlisted poems. It will be published in July 2010. If pre-ordered, the price will be **£3.50 each (post free)**. To receive a copy, please complete and return the form overleaf.



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Rules and Instructions for Entry

1. The competition is open to anyone aged 16 or over.
2. Poems should be in English, must not have been published either in print or on a website, nor be currently submitted or accepted for future publication. **They must not previously have been awarded a prize in any other competition.**
3. Poems must be your own original work and may be on any subject. They must be typed or neatly hand-written on A4 paper and **not longer than 50 lines**. Each poem must be on a separate sheet of paper **which must not bear your name** or any other form of identification.
4. No entry form is required but, on a separate sheet of paper, you should give your name and address, the title(s) of the poem(s) submitted, and please tell us where you heard about the competition. **Sonnets** to be considered for **The RedPage Sonnet Prize** should be marked with an "S" in the top, right-hand corner. (They will also be considered for the main competition).
5. Any number of poems may be submitted on payment of the appropriate fee which is **£3 per poem, £10 for 4 poems, and £2.50 per poem thereafter in the same submission**. Cheques and Postal Orders (in sterling only) should be made payable to WARE POETS COMPETITION.
6. For confirmation of receipt of entry, if required, please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope marked RECEIPT); for the results sheet, enclose S.A.E. marked RESULTS.
7. We regret that we are unable to return poems or amend them after entry.
8. The closing date is **30th April 2010**; results will be sent out in mid-June. An informal prize-giving ceremony and reading will be held at Ware Arts Centre on Friday 9th July 2010.
9. Copyright remains with the authors but Ware Poets reserve the right to print winning and short-listed poems in the Competition Anthology.
10. Entrants in the competition will be deemed to have accepted these conditions of entry. The adjudicator's decision will be final; no correspondence can be entered into.
11. Entries should be sent to:- **The Competition Secretary, Ware Poets Competition 2010, Clothall End House, California, Baldock SG7 6NU**. We are unable to accept entries via e-mail.

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ORDER FORM (use only for ordering anthologies)

Please send _____ copies of the Ware 2010 Anthology at £3.50 per copy to the address below.

[add the relevant amount on to your entry fees]

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

NOTE: please make all cheques/POs payable to **Ware Poets Competition**.