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ENTRIES OPEN FOR \$10,000 SARAH BROOM POETRY PRIZE 2019

The Sarah Broom Poetry Prize is one of New Zealand's most valuable poetry prizes and aims to recognise and financially support new work from an emerging or established New Zealand poet. In 2019, the prize is an award of \$10,000. Poets are required to submit six to eight poems (at least five unpublished).

The prize was established in 2013 in honour of the New Zealand poet Sarah Broom (1972-2013), the author of *Tigers at Awhitu* (2010) and *Gleam* (2013).

Now in its sixth year, the award will be showcased in a special public session at the Auckland Writers Festival in May 2019 where shortlisted poets will read from their work and the winner will be announced.

The full Festival programme will be publicly launched on 13 March and will be available in print and online at www.writersfestival.co.nz.

Introducing 2019 Judge, Anne Michaels

Award-winning poet, novelist and essay writer Anne Michaels is Toronto's current Poet Laureate.

Her multiple awards and shortlistings include the Commonwealth Poetry Prize for the Americas, the Orange Prize, the Governor-General's Award and the Griffin Poetry Prize.

Her latest poetry collection *All We Saw* was published in late 2017.



Competition entries open on 21 January and close on 28 February 2019

For entries/queries email: poetryprize@sarahbroom.co.nz.

For more information about the prize and Sarah Broom visit <http://www.sarahbroom.co.nz>

How to Enter

The prize is awarded on the basis of an original collection of poems by a New Zealand resident or citizen. Entries will be accepted from from 21 January until 28 February 2019.

Poets are required to submit six to eight poems, of which at least five must be unpublished. The recipient of the prize will be announced in May 2019 at the Auckland Writers Festival. Shortlisted poets will be invited to attend a dedicated event and read from their work.

Entries should be emailed to poetryprize@sarahbroom.co.nz. Any queries should be emailed to enquiries@sarahbroom.co.nz

Conditions of Entry

1. Poets are required to submit six to eight poems of which at least five must be unpublished.
2. There is no maximum or minimum length – formatting and font size is your choice.
3. Entrants must be New Zealand permanent residents or citizens.
4. Only one entry per person will be accepted.
5. Entries must be the author's original work. Any use of quotation must be acknowledged by attribution to its source.
6. Entries must be submitted as one electronic file per entrant, as an email attachment in Word or PDF format. No identifying details should be present in this poetry portfolio.
7. Your entry should also include a covering email with a brief personal statement, an indication of how you would use the award money, and contact details. These covering details are not provided to the judge.
8. The judge will assess the merits of submissions, and the Sarah Broom Poetry Trust reserves the right not to award a prize.
9. The prize recipient will be announced at the Auckland Writers Festival in May 2019 and in other appropriate publications.
10. No correspondence with the judge will be entered into.
11. The name and photograph of the prize recipient may be used by the Sarah Broom Poetry Trust for publicity purposes.