



2020 Art Gets In Your Eyes Ekphrastic Poetry Contest

Purpose: To celebrate the City of Highland Park's richly diverse collection of public art by having poets create ekphrastic poems specifically responding to the sculptures and/or other public art installations – *see attached guide & map.*

Who may participate: Amateurs, semi-professionals, professionals and students of all ages are invited to submit original poetry in response to the 2020 Art Gets in Your Eyes Poetry Contest.

What are the guidelines?

- Should express the writer's experiences, thoughts or feelings related to a particular piece of public art displayed in Highland Park (*see attached list*).
- Previously published works are accepted but please indicate where and when the work appeared.
- Original poetry of 16 lines or fewer (*please note – selected poems will be formatted to a horizontal sign display so shorter poems are preferred*).

What is the timeline for this project?

***Deadline for submissions: Monday, March 16, 2020**

*Selected authors will be notified on or before May 1, 2020

*Proposed Installation of temporary display in Highland Park and on website: June through August 2020

There is no reading fee to submit one (1) poem. To submit additional poems, there is a reading fee of \$4 per poem. Check or money order payable to Highland Park Poetry.

How will works be collected?

- **Via Electronic Submission:** Send pieces(s) as text in the body of an e-mail or as a .doc attachment to: Jennifer@highlandparkpoetry.org. Please put "2020 Ekphrastic Poetry Contest" in the subject line.
- **Submissions by U.S. Mail:** Send poem(s), completed/signed Entry/Release form and any reading fees (if applicable) to: Highland Park Poetry c/o Jennifer Dotson, 376 Park Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035

How will poems be selected?

Poetry submissions will be selected by a guest judge(s). Selected poets will be invited to read their poems at date and location still to be determined. Selected poems will be formatted to an outdoor sign measuring 2' x 1.5'. Selected poetry will also be featured on the Muses' Gallery on the Highland Park Poetry website throughout the summer of 2020. A printed anthology of poetry and photography will also be assembled.

What are the categories?

Student & Adult. *Note: It is not required to be a Highland Park resident to participate in this contest though certainly folks who live, work or study have the distinct advantage of ready access to the art work.*

Request for Art Work.

Photographers and visual artists are encouraged to submit works related to the 2020 Ekphrastic Poetry Contest to be included in our display on www.highlandparkpoetry.org. Artist/photographer will be credited.

2020 Highland Park Public Art Poetry Contest Entry Form



Poet's Name _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Category: Student ___ Adult _____

There is no reading fee to submit one (1) poem. To submit additional poems, there is a reading fee of \$4 per poem. Check or money order payable to Highland Park Poetry.

How many poems are you submitting? _____ Fee enclosed? _____

Poem Title(s) _____

Connection to which public art piece(s) _____

Has work been previously published? ___ Yes ___ No

If Yes, please indicate where & when _____

Submissions:

- Should express the writer's experiences, thoughts or feelings related to one of Highland Park's public art works on display throughout the City
- Previously published works are accepted but please indicate where and when the work first appeared.
- Original poetry of 16 lines or fewer.

Release Form: Submissions must include a copy of the following completed form indicating your acknowledgement that (1) your submission is original and is not a copy or derivative of any other work and (2) Highland Park Poetry has your irrevocable permission, without restriction, to use your work in original form or reproduction for exhibition, advertising, educational and promotional materials for this event as well as other events as Highland Park Poetry may determine in its sole and absolute discretion. Reasonable care will be taken in handling submissions but Highland Park Poetry is responsible for accidental damage or loss.

PLEASE PRINT

Poet's Signature: _____ Date: _____

School / Grade / Teacher Name (if applicable) _____

For Parents of Minors: I have signed the above Release on behalf of myself and my minor child

Parent's Name (printed) _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date: _____