Hill-Stead Museum Sunken Garden Poetry Festival

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STUDENT POETRY COMPETITION

Submissions accepted Nov. 1-March 15

HillStead.org
THE COMPETITION
New England high school students who create original poetry compete to have their words heard and read during the Sunken Garden Poetry Festival. A panel of judges reviews original student poetry in written form. They recommend 15 poets to move on to the performance round, when they will perform their work for separate a panel of judges. At the end of the performance, FIVE winners are named and invited to perform at CT Young Poets Day.

AWARDS
❖ Reading at the Sunken Garden Poetry Festival—Sunday, August 9, 2020. Winners must be available to participate in this public performance!
❖ Poems and poet bios printed in a Chapbook.
❖ Free master class with the headlining poet on CT Young Poets Day.
❖ Winners announced in media campaign and on Hill-Stead Museum website.

DATES TO KNOW
March 15—Entry deadline!
April 3—Up to 15 FINALISTS will be announced via email and museum website
APRIL (DATE TBD)—Performance workshop for the finalists in preparation for adjudicated readings
April 25, 3pm—FINALISTS will read before a panel of judges and audience at the museum, and up to five WINNERS will be announced.
August 9 Afternoon—CT Young Poets Day WINNERS read poems during the Sunken Garden Poetry Festival with Mahogany L. Browne.

HOW TO ENTER
Visit Hillstead.org for Entry Form, and follow Submission Guidelines below.
Return completed and signed form to Lauren Miller, millerl@hillstead.org

GUIDELINES
• Must be postmarked or emailed no later than Sunday, MARCH 15, 2020
• Submit 3 to 5 pages of poetry comprised of at least two poems
• No more than ONE poem per page (The poem may be 1-3 pages in length)
• Name of student at the top of each page
• Times New Roman size 12 font
• Identify each poem with a title
• No second column on page
• 1-sided pages only