

## POESIOMAT - The Poetry Jukebox – Call for Submissions

POESIOMAT - the Poetry Jukebox, is an on-street sound installation that provides an innovative new platform for poetry. It is curated by poets Maria McManus and Deirdre Cartmill.

We are calling for submissions for the first Poetry Jukebox in the island of Ireland which will be launched as part of the Belfast International Arts Festival in October 2017. It will be located outside the Crescent Arts Centre in Belfast.



### Submission criteria:-

- We welcome submissions from poets born in the island of Ireland, and from poets from other places currently living in Ireland.
- Each poet can send 1 poem on any subject matter. (However please be aware children may be listening so profanity may rule out a poem's use.)
- Each poem should be no longer than 2 minutes max when read aloud, but 1 minute to 1 minute 30 seconds works best in this format.
- Please submit your poem as a good quality sound file in MP3 or WAV format. (Iphones or good quality dictaphones such as Zoom H1 are ideal recording devices.)
- The poet should record the poem in their own voice.
- The poet must have the authority to give us the audio and recording rights to use the poem on the Poetry Jukebox, on our website, at launches etc.
- The poet should also preferably have the authority to give us the print rights, for use on our website or at launches for example.
- **A signed permission form must be included with your submission. Please download the form here and attach a signed copy with your submission.**

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- We will accept poems previously published elsewhere provided the author can assign the rights for our purposes. We will not be held liable if it infringes on other publishers' rights.
- Where poems are submitted in a language other than English, please also include a translation of the poem recorded in English.
- Please include a short 50 word biog.

- Please use the following in the subject line of your email: Submission – Poet’s Name – Poetry Jukebox
- Please include your email address, telephone number and postal address in your email.
- Submit to **poetryjukebox@gmail.com**
- The deadline for submissions is **midnight GMT on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August.**

We aspire to pay a small stipend for each poem accepted, but at the moment this is dependent on funding.

We see this as an innovative new ‘journal’ of poetry for the island of Ireland. Its on-street presence can capture the imagination and has at its core the ability, as Heaney wrote, to *“catch the heart off-guard and blow it open”*.

We will be curating a rolling programme of poems for the Poetry Jukebox, so watch out for future calls.

