



Youth Poetry Competition - Poetica "Bloom" with Canterbury Museum

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To commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Canterbury earthquakes, Poetica is inviting children from Year 4 to Year 8 to enter a poem in the *Bloom* poetry competition. *Bloom* is a collaboration between Poetica and The River of Flowers project, supported by Canterbury Museum. A mural will be designed that is inspired by and features the winning poem in an exhibition at Canterbury Museum. This temporary exhibition, accompanied by visual poetry and activities, will commemorate the Canterbury earthquakes through floral and poetry tributes by the people of Canterbury. The exhibition will open to the public in February 2016.

Eligibility: Canterbury students from Year 4 to Year 8. Students who are immediate family members of Poetica, River of Flowers and Canterbury Museum staff, or judging panel members are not eligible.

Topic: Who or what gave you the strength to carry on after the earthquakes?

Example subjects: Your pet, your teacher, your grandmother, your best friend, your idol, a football, a song, a poem, a joke, your imagination, a smile, a hug, a walk on the beach, it could be anything or anyone. Surprise us!

The poem must be original and written by the student and must be no longer than eight lines or 40 words. The poem must be in the English language.

Send your poem to: info@poetica.co.nz by 5.00 pm on 9 November 2015.

Please include the student's name, age, year and name of school.

This information will not be shown to the panel to safeguard independent judging. When the winning poem is revealed, this information will be made public.

Competition Information

A panel of expert judges (to be announced on the Poetica Facebook site) will choose a shortlist of the five best poems. The shortlist will be revealed on the Poetica Facebook site (below) on 18 November 2015.

The public will choose the winning poem from the shortlist by voting on the Poetica Facebook site. The poem that is 'liked' the most will be the winner and will be included in the *Bloom* exhibition at Canterbury Museum. The winner will be announced on the Poetica Facebook site at 5.00 pm on 11 December 2015, and the poem will be revealed on the wall at Canterbury Museum on 22 February 2016.

As the poem in *Bloom* will be temporary, Sound Sky gives the opportunity for the poem to be enjoyed for generations by recording the poem onto the Sound Sky app. You can also find the five previous poems used in Poetica projects and many more sounds of the city there - see (and listen) at <http://soundsky.org/>

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact: Poetica, the Christchurch Urban Poetry Project.

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