



2013 People's Poetry Festival Poetry Submission Application

The People's Poetry Festival is a three-day cultural event that will use public and private spaces to create an interactive and collaborative poetry festival in the Kensington area of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, **August 16-18, 2013**.

We encourage novice and unpublished artists to participate with the goal of breaking apart the perception that poetry is a literary art form reserved for the academic elite. The purpose of The People's Poetry Festival is largely to bridge the gap between local poets and the community and make poetry both engaging and accessible for all viewers.

We are now accepting poetry submissions for consideration as part of 2013 festival to post in our Poetic Graffiti Art Walk, which will take place throughout the alleys and side streets of Kensington over the three-day festival. Pieces will be typically be displayed on either **3-foot by 3-foot** (36" by 36") or **6-foot by 4-foot** (72" by 48"; 182.9cm by 121.9cm) signboards designed by local Calgary artists. We want to engage as many people as possible and are therefore looking for works that will compel people festival-goers stop, read, and consider your works. Please keep in mind that we are looking for pieces that will draw in readers, not push them away. That being said, we are looking for intelligent, creative works that challenge and speak strongly to their audience.

Although this is a Calgary-specific event, we encourage submissions from around the world and will be accepting and showcasing **up to five (5) international artists** during the festival. To submit your work for consideration, please complete the **Release and Waiver of Liability** along with a poem that meets the following guidelines. Poems will not be returned once they are submitted.

Submission Guidelines:

- We are looking for poetry that is of a high quality and is accessible to the public at large
- Submissions must be in poetry format; we will not be accepting short stories, paintings, photography or other works of art
- Submissions open **Tuesday, April 30, 2013**, and all submissions must be received via email by no later than **5:00pm (MDT) on Thursday, May 30, 2013**. Completed submissions can be sent to peoplespoetryfestival@gmail.com with the subject heading: **POETRY SUBMISSION**
- Poets may work individually or collaborate with others. If working as a group, please state the names of all poets working on the project, as well as all primary contacts
- Please provide a **brief bio** (no more than **100 words**) and a **head shot** – or other image you wish to use – so that if your poem is chosen, we'll have all necessary information to promote you on our website, during the festival alongside your work, and in the forthcoming collection. Biographies and head shots **are not required**, so if you prefer to be published as "Anonymous",



using a pen name or other handle, or without an image, please feel free to submit your work without this content

- Ensure you have read, signed and returned the **Release and Waiver of Liability** and **Poetry Submission Form** with your submission in order to be eligible. While the poet maintains full rights to their work, signing the waiver and submission form authorizes The PPF to **use the poem as it sees fit, including in festival artwork, promotions and any marketing and/or merchandise** associated with the festival, including, but not limited to, a People's Poetry Festival book, with **no financial gain to the poet**. As The PPF is a not-for-profit organization, any proceeds for the sale of poetry books, merchandise and poetic graffiti will be returned to the operational costs of the festival.

Thank you for your interest in The People's Poetry Festival and all the best!

About The People's Poetry Festival

[The People's Poetry Festival](#) is a three-day cultural event held in the Kensington area of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Founded in 2011 with support from Calgary Arts Development, the Calgary Foundation, Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Canada Council for the Arts, A Place Called WordsWorth, and more, the festival seeks to break down barriers to poetry as an art form and method of expression, making it accessible to all members of the public. The three-day long festival comprises poetry walks, featuring written poetry and, as well as DIY poetry stations, spoken word events and poetry education. For more information, visit peoplespoetryfestival.com or follow us on Twitter: [@pplsopoetryfest](#).



Release and Waiver of Liability

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal code: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Poetry Release:

I, the above named, hereby assume all risks and hazards incidental to any participation in the 2013 People's Poetry Festival (PPF).

I, the poet/artist, warrants and represents that I am the sole legal owner of all right, title and interest in all poetry or artwork, including all related intellectual property interests such as trademarks and the sole and exclusive copyright in all artwork, and has the full right and authority to enter this Agreement and grant the rights granted in this Agreement.

Waiver of Liability:

I do hereby expressly release and hold harmless all staff, volunteers and resident artists of The People's Poetry Festival, individually and collectively, from liability for the free use of all work that I am voluntarily submitting, including, but not limited to, the presentation, distribution, reproduction¹ and sale of the final work for no monetary gain on my part².

¹ The People's Poetry Festival (PPF) intends to compile a chapbook following the festival that comprises poetry and artwork created for and/or during the festival. Based on availability, the Poet will have the option to purchase a copy of the completed book at a reduced cost, but **will not** receive any monetary gain from the possible sale of any chapbooks and/or other merchandise created by or for The PPF.

² The PPF is a not for profit organization. Completed works that combine submitted poetry and artwork created by commissioned resident artists may be auctioned off with proceeds funding the festival operating costs. The Poet will not receive any monetary gain from the same or auction of the work they have submitted. The Poet will retain full rights to reuse the original work – excluding the final commissioned art work – at any time at their discretion.



Release and Waiver of Liability

I do hereby release and hold harmless the above listed parties from any claim arising from and usage of the facilities.

I affirm that I am 18 years or age or older.

If under 18 years of age, I affirm that my parent or legal guardian confirms that my work can be used by The People's Poetry Festival as outlined in this document.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO THE POLICIES AS STATED ABOVE.

Poet Participant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (when applicable)

Date



The People's Poetry Festival
August 16-18, 2013

Poetry Submission Form

Poetry Submission Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Province:** _____ **Postal code:** _____

E-mail: _____

Twitter handle: (if applicable) _____

Phone: _____

General Submission Information

Has your poetry ever been published before? (Y/N) _____

If so, where/in what publication(s): (Previous publication will not exclude you)

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____



Submission Checklist

- Read **Submission Guidelines**
- Completed and signed **Poetry Submission Form**
- Read, completed and signed **Release and Waiver of Liability**
- Included poetry submission (**Maximum 300 words; no more than 30 lines**)
- Included brief biography (**Maximum 100 words**), if desired
- Included headshot, if desired

Submissions for the 2013 People's Poetry Festival open Tuesday, April 30 and close at 5:00pm (MDT) Thursday, April 30, 2013.

If your submission is selected, you will be notified. Please note that submissions will not be returned once received. Thank you again for your interest in The People's Poetry Festival and all the best!

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