

# NORTH AMERICAN FESTIVAL OF WALES – September 2-5, 2021 – Utica, NY

## POETRY COMPOSITION COMPETITIONS – ENGLISH LANGUAGE POEM

Two competitions invite submissions of original poetry in either of two categories: **Welsh Language Poem** and **English Language Poem**. Each competition offers a single grand prize of \$250, the David Llewelyn Williams Prize, sponsored in 2021 by Robert Dayton and Anonymous. This document concerns the **English Language Poem** composition competition; particulars of the competition are presented in the next section.

The prizes honor David Llewelyn Williams of Vancouver, BC, Canada (1937-2021), a great friend and former Trustee of the North American Festival of Wales and a longtime member of its Eisteddfod Committee. Originally from Prestatyn, Wales, he was highly knowledgeable of Welsh poets and poetry, and entered and adjudicated numerous competitions (composition and recitation) in North America and Wales alike. He was highly instrumental and influential in establishing these very competitions.

There are no geographic restrictions for entering these competitions, and entrants do not need to be present at the 2021 NAFOW (Sept. 2-5, Utica, NY). Also, it is permissible for anyone to enter **either or both** of the two competitions, with a maximum of **one poem per competition**.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE POEM COMPETITION - PARTICULARS

- The **English Language Poem** composition competition is themed. For 2021, we invite submissions of an original poem written to the following constraints:
  - Written to a theme of “Hiraeth”.
  - Anywhere from a minimum of 8 lines to a maximum of 24 lines. The poem may be divided into stanzas, or not, at the entrant’s discretion.
  - The poem can include a title, or not, at the entrant’s discretion. If included, a title does not count toward the number of lines just noted.
  - No restrictions on meter.
  - Rhyming is unspecified; it can be done, or not, at the entrant’s discretion.
  - For **English Language Poem** (uniquely), there must also be some relevance to Wales and/or Welsh history or culture.
- **The deadline for entering is August 8, 2021.** There is no entry fee for this competition.
- **Submissions will be accepted via email only.** Please carefully review the related instructions, on p. 2 of this document.
- As with similar competitions in Wales, anonymity is maintained during the adjudication process; related procedures are discussed on p. 2.
- The English Language Poem adjudicators for 2021 will be Tony Curtis and Robert Dayton. If a winning poem is adjudicated, it will be announced and recited at the Opening Ceremony (Thursday, Sept. 2) of the 2021 NAFOW in Utica, NY. If present in Utica, the winning poet will be invited to recite.
- The Welsh North American Association (which organizes the North American Festival of Wales) retains the right to use or include the winning poem at its events and in its publications.
- **QUESTIONS?** For more information and queries regarding these competitions, please contact the NAFOW Eisteddfod Committee (Tel: 412-215-9161, Email: [eisteddfod@nafow.org](mailto:eisteddfod@nafow.org)). All inquiries will be kept in close confidence.

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## EMAIL ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS – ENGLISH LANGUAGE POEM COMPETITION

- **SUBMISSIONS** are to be emailed to [wnaahq@gmail.com](mailto:wnaahq@gmail.com) no later than 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time on the deadline date (**August 8, 2021**) and **must** include as the Subject line, “**English Language Poem Submission**”.
- You will receive a confirmation from the competition coordinator, via email, if your entry is accepted for the competition.
- **Please carefully follow these instructions when submitting via email, particularly to preserve anonymity for adjudication:**
  - (1) You will attach a copy of your composition to the email in an easily transmissible format such as .pdf, Word or .jpeg.
  - (2) This attachment, which includes your composition, will additionally show only the name of the competition (“English Language Poem”) and your chosen “pseudonym” (i.e., a made-up name that offers no clue to your actual identity). **(If you have submitted for this or the Welsh Language Poem competition previously, please choose a completely new pseudonym.)**
  - (3) You will **also** attach to your email a second document, also in an easily transmissible format such as .pdf, Word or .jpeg, which includes the following information:
    - (a) the name of the competition (“English Language Poem”)
    - (b) your pseudonym (as discussed above);
    - (c) your full/actual name; and
    - (d) your mailing address, email address and phone number.