

# Houston Poetry Fest 2009

<http://HoustonPoetryFest.info>

## Submission Guidelines –

*Updated for new **July 20** deadline*

Houston Poetry Fest 2009 will be held in the Willow Street Pump Station of the University of Houston Downtown on October 8, 9, 10 and 11. Guest Poets and a Featured Poet will be invited. In order to be considered as an applicant for the "Juried Poet" category, submit the following items by **July 20**:

- Four copies of no more than five poems, totaling no more than five typed pages, with their titles but without your name or other identifying marks on these pages (which will be assigned a poet number and sent to the judges for 'blind judging'); retain copies, as these will not be returned, but shredded after judging is complete
- A cover letter, with name, address, phone numbers, e-mail address, and a list of the titles of your poems,
- A brief biography, for the anthology in case your poems are chosen,
- A stamped self-addressed #10 envelope, for notification of outcome,
- A tax-deductible donation of \$15 to Houston Poetry Fest, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization,

The address for submissions is

Houston Poetry Fest  
Attention: Submissions  
P. O. Box 22595  
Houston, Texas 77227-2595.

The judges will see only the pages of poetry and, scoring each set of poems as a whole, will select approximately 20 to 25 poets as "Juried Poets" -- these poets will receive

- (1) five minutes onstage to read their own original poetry,
- (2) their names listed in the official printed program and on the website,
- (3) inclusion of one of their poems in the Houston Poetry Fest 2009 Anthology, and
- (4) one free copy of the Anthology. Additional copies of the Anthology may be purchased at the event or by mail.

The readings will be free and open to the public. You may invite as many guests as you wish. In addition, two or more open readings will be scheduled during the week of October 4 - 11, at which you and your friends are welcome to read. E-mail [hpfest@aol.com](mailto:hpfest@aol.com) for details.

Houston Poetry Fest is a great place to meet publishers, editors, and fellow poets. Bring business cards with your name and e-mail address.

Houston Poetry Fest is an annual celebration of poetry and those who create it. Its sponsor is Houston Poetry Fest, a non-profit arts organization. Its co-sponsors are the Department of English and the Cultural Enrichment Center of the University of Houston - Downtown.

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