



2019 PHILIP BACON EKPHRASIS AWARD



QPF is proud to announce the return of the Philip Bacon Ekphrasis Award in 2019. This award is named after one of Australia's premier art dealers, Mr Philip Bacon, the patron of Queensland's only ekphrastic prize. The word 'ekphrasis' comes from the Greek ek 'out' and phrasis 'speak', as well as the verb ekphrazein, which means to call an inanimate object by name.

Artistically, ekphrasis is a rhetorical device in which a visual object, usually a work of art, is vividly described by another artistic medium – in this case, a poem under 12 lines in length.

For example, a poem may describe what is shown in a painting and by doing so enhances it, especially if it captures the sentiments of the artist when the work was created. Poems may also focus on the poet's mood in response to a work of art, metaphorical associations or extensions of meaning inspired by a work of art, or personal memories about a work of art.

1ST PRIZE: \$500

2nd PRIZE: \$250

*The top five entries will be published in Verity La

2019 Judges: Michele Seminara, Carol McGregor

The winner will be announced at the Queensland Poetry Awards night at the Queensland Poetry Festival, 22rd August 2019 at the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts, Fortitude Valley.

Paintings: Five selected by Philip Bacon from his gallery and private collection (see the five images contained in the artwork PDF)

Deadline for receipt of applications: by 5pm Friday 5th July 2019

Conditions of Entry

1. You must be a resident of Australia to enter this competition
2. The poem must be the entrant's original work
3. The poem must be an ekphrastic response to one of the five paintings chosen
4. The poem must be unpublished and not on offer for publication elsewhere up to and including 22nd August 2019
5. The poem must NOT exceed 12 lines in length

6. Entrants may submit more than one poem, but each entry must be in response to one of the five chosen paintings and be accompanied by a *separate Online Entry Form and a separate Entry Fee*
7. Use a serif font (e.g. Times New Roman) in 12-point type, 1.5 line spacing on A4 sized documents
8. Entries will be acknowledged by email only.
9. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
10. As the poems are judged anonymously, your name must NOT appear anywhere on the poem.
11. Please attach your entry to the application (using the online form) as a PDF or Word document only
12. Entries must be received by 5pm Friday 5th July 2019. Late entries cannot be accepted.
13. Up to (5) entrants will be shortlisted by Judges, with the overall winner and runner up formally announced at the Queensland Poetry Awards, 22 August 2019. All applicants are encouraged to attend the Awards night.
14. A non-refundable entry fee of \$10 (or \$8 concession) is required upon submission of the online application form. (Concession card holders will be required to provide proof of concession).

Application enquiries should be directed to awards@queenslandpoetryfestival.com or contact (07) 3842 9990 (Monday – Thursday).