



THE INTERNATIONAL PROVERSE POETRY PRIZE
FOR SINGLE POEMS PREVIOUSLY UNPUBLISHED IN ENGLISH

“I am certain that the Proverse Poetry Prize will continue to grow exponentially in terms not only of an increasing number of submissions from across the globe, but also of the growing recognition as a significant international literary award. Indeed, I am certain that poets everywhere will come to covet representation within the pages, if they do not already!”

—Vaughan Rapatahana, poet, literary critic, essayist and novelist
and inaugural Proverse Poetry Prize first-prize-winner

The establishment of the Proverse Poetry Prize for single poems was announced at “The Proverse Publishing Parade”, held in November 2015. The first entries were received in 2016 and judged at the same time and by the same judging panel as the long-standing Proverse Prize for unpublished book-length non-fiction, fiction or poetry, also to be submitted in English. This pattern was followed in the second and third editions of the competition in 2017 and 2018.

Entrants can submit one or more poems on a subject chosen by themselves or on a theme chosen by the Administrators.—In 2016, the Administrators chose “The Environment”; in 2017, “Happiness”; in 2018, “Refuge”; and in 2019, it is “Plastic”.—Each subject / theme may be broadly interpreted as the writer wishes. It is entirely up to each entrant to use the form of poetry he or she prefers, whether sonnet, free verse, traditional verse, prose poem, etc. The length should be not more than 30 lines (not counting the title or any blank lines).

Depending on the standard of work received in any year, cash prizes may be awarded to those judged first, second and up to four third-prize winners. Selection to appear in an anthology of entries may also be awarded by the judges as a prize.

The inaugural Proverse Poetry Prize competition (2016), as well as the 2017 and 2018 editions, each attracted high quality entries from around the world.

The **inaugural (2016) results** were announced at the “Proverse Publishing Parade” (now the “Proverse Autumn Reception”) held in November 2016, in Central Hong Kong. **The Proverse Poetry Prize Anthology 2016** was launched and the cash prizes for first, second and third place winners were awarded at or immediately after the 2017 **Proverse Spring Reception**.

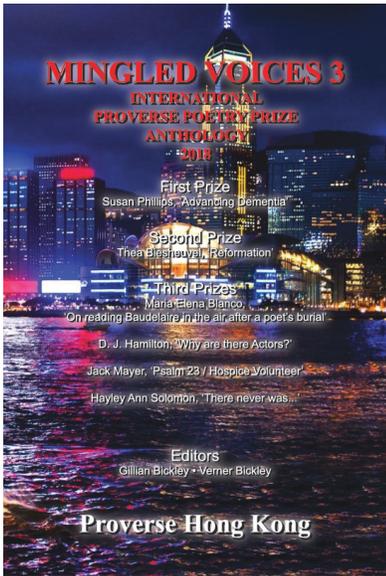
The same pattern was followed for the 2017 and 2018 editions and is planned for the 2019 edition.

Attending the Proverse Spring Reception in 2017 was the first prize-winner, Vaughan Rapatahana from New Zealand, Gili Haimovich, a third-prize winner from Israel and Mathura, winner of a place in the Anthology, from Estonia.

On 18 April 2018 one of the third-prize winners (a second prize winner in the 2016 competition), Maria Elena Blanco, travelled from Chile. The second-prize winner (who won a place in the Proverse Poetry Prize Anthology 2016) returned to Hong Kong from Estonia to receive his award.

In 2018, the second prize winner, Thea Biesheuvel, travelled from Australia and Neil Douglas, Christos Koukis, Luisa Ternau and Roger Uren—winners of places in the anthology—travelled from UK, Greece, Italy and Australia, respectively.

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The 2017 Anthology, *Mingled Voices 2*, is available from the following link:

http://bit.ly/2L0JKPU_viaCUP

Mingled Voices 2 is also available from: amazon:

<http://bit.ly/MingledVoices2viaUK>

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The 2018 Anthology can be ordered from the following links.

<http://bit.ly/2UFWm3uViaCUP>

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PRACTICAL DETAILS, Entries for the 2019 Proverse Poetry Prize will be received from 7 May 2019 until 30 June 2019.

From 7 May 2019, entries may be submitted through our online manager at the following URL:

<https://proversehongkong.submittable.com/submit>

The entry form with terms and conditions is available from the website: www.proversepublishing.com.

Please visit this from time to time for any updates.

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