

## TEIGNMOUTH POETRY FESTIVAL COMPETITION 2024

### OPEN COMPETITION - JUDGE

#### MALIKA BOOKER



**Malika Booker** is a British poet of Guyanese and Grenadian parentage. She co-founded Malika's Poetry Kitchen and is a lecturer at Manchester Metropolitan University. With Sharon Olds and Warsan Shire, Malika is published in the Penguin Modern Poets Series 3, *Your Family: Your Body* (2017). A Cave Canem Fellow and inaugural Poet in Residence at The Royal Shakespeare Company, she was awarded the

Cholmondeley Award (2019) for her outstanding contribution to poetry and elected a Royal Society of Literature Fellow in 2022. Malika is the first woman to win the Forward Prize Best Single Poem – Written category twice, first in 2020 with her poem *The Little Miracles*, commissioned by and published in *Magma 75* (2019), and in 2023 with *Libation*, published in *The Poetry Review* (2022).

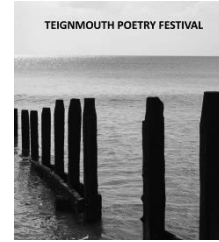
### GRAHAM BURCHELL AWARD FOR DEVON POETS

#### JUDGE – GRAEME RYAN



**Graeme Ryan** was brought up in St Anne's on Sea, Lancashire. He taught English and Drama in the Southwest for many years and wrote seven full-length plays for young people, including *Heartland*, *Hope Street* and *Tracks of the Free*. Graeme won the Teignmouth Festival Open Poetry prize in 2018 and collaborated in *The Poetry of Unknown Things* for the 2023 festival. He is a co-chair of Somerset-based Fire River Poets and has read widely across

the Southwest, most recently at Coleridge Cottage in Nether Stowey. His debut poetry collection *Valley of the Kings* was published in 2022.



## TEIGNMOUTH POETRY FESTIVAL POETRY COMPETITION 2024

The 2024 Competition is open to all poets, UK and international.

Entries from writers with Devon postcodes will automatically and additionally be entered for the Graham Burchell Award for Devon Poets.

#### Open Poetry Competition

**Prizes:** 1<sup>st</sup> - £600    2<sup>nd</sup> - £300    3<sup>rd</sup> - £200

An additional £25 will be awarded to the top 3 commended poems

**Judge: Malika Booker**

#### Graham Burchell Award – Devon residents only

**Prizes:** 1<sup>st</sup> - £200    2<sup>nd</sup> - £100    3<sup>rd</sup> - £50

An additional £25 will be awarded to the top 3 commended poems

**Judge: Graeme Ryan**

**Closing date:** 31 January 2024

**Details at:** [www.poetryteignmouth.com](http://www.poetryteignmouth.com)

from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

## TEIGNMOUTH POETRY FESTIVAL - 2024 COMPETITION - Rules

- Poems may be on any subject, must be the original work of the entrant, unpublished and not accepted for publication in any medium. They must not have been awarded a prize in any other competition.
- Poems should be in English and not exceed 40 lines of text, no minimum. Titles, epigraphs, dedications and blank lines are not included in the line count.
- Poems must be typed on a **single** side of A4, and must have a title.
- Each poem must be on a separate page, which must not bear the author's name or any other mark by which the author could be identified.
- **Postal Entries - Two** copies of each poem are required, accompanied by a completed entry form (see opposite). One entry form may cover multiple poems.
- **Online entries** – please submit Word document or pdf via the online entry form.
- There is no restriction on the number of poems that may be submitted, provided the appropriate entry fee is included.
- Poems entered will not be returned – keep a copy for yourself.
- Each poet can only win one prize.
- Copyright will remain with the author, but the organisers reserve the right to publish any of the prizewinning poems as they deem appropriate.
- Once entered, poems may not be amended.
- The results of the competitions and prize winning poems will be published on [www.poetryteignmouth.com](http://www.poetryteignmouth.com) . Commended poems will not be published.
- The Open Competition judge will read ALL the entries. The judge for the Graham Burchell Award will read all eligible entries.
- Judges' decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The Festival reserves the right to change the judge/s if the need arises.
- In exceptional circumstances the organisers reserve the right to return poems and entry fees.
- The judges and Festival organisers are not eligible to enter the competitions.
- POEMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MIDNIGHT 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2024.

The entry fee for **POSTAL ENTRIES** is **£5.00** for one poem, and **£3.00** each for additional poems. Cheques/POs should be made payable to Poetry Teignmouth and sent with two copies of each poem and entry form to:

Poetry Teignmouth , C/O Virginia Griem, 12 Little Hayes, Kingsteignton TQ12 3YP

The entry fee for **ONLINE ENTRIES** is **£5.50** for one poem, and **£3.50** each for additional poems. Payment and submission of poems should be made at:

[www.poetryteignmouth.com/competition-2024](http://www.poetryteignmouth.com/competition-2024)

## ENTRY FORM

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Entries from Devon postcodes will in addition be automatically entered for the Graham Burchell Award for Devon Poets at no extra charge.

Name: (block capitals) .....

Address: (block capitals) .....

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Post code ..... Tel: .....

email: .....

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Please continue on separate sheet if necessary.

I enclose a cheque/postal order for £..... payable to Poetry Teignmouth.

Submission of this form signifies acceptance of the competition rules.

THIS ENTRY FORM CAN BE PHOTOCOPIED OR DOWNLOADED FROM:  
[www.poetryteignmouth.com](http://www.poetryteignmouth.com)

I would like to receive e-mails with Competition news - **Yes / No**