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2019 AWARDS

Now in its sixth year, the Short Works Prize (SWP) is the most welcoming, most diverse, and most encompassing literary award in Hamilton.

SWP is presented in partnership by Hamilton Arts & Letters (HAL) magazine and the Hamilton Public Library.

Short Works Prizes are sponsored by the President's Office at McMaster University, Mohawk College, and Redeemer University College.

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SWP encourages and recognizes writing and writers ages 16 and up.

SWP:

- celebrates creativity and encourages writing and literacy skills
- gives young people an opportunity to practice working within time limits and deadlines
- provides an audience to young writers in the form of the people who will read and judge the poem or story
- acknowledges the writer's intended audience: peers, parents, extended family, elected officials, and older adults.
- improves confidence: the more a young person writes the better their writing will become
- provides a chance to read in front of a live audience
- provides youth the opportunity to meet professional writers

With additional funding, SWP could encourage and reward more young people for their writing. If young writers who receive an Honourable Mention could also receive a cash honourarium it would significantly boost their sense of self worth and confidence.

Similarly, with additional funding, SWP could provide cash honourariums to the Honourable Mentions in the never-before-published categories many of whom are newcomers and adults reaching out to connect with their community.

Paul Lisson and Fiona Kinsella, Editors

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BELOW:

- A list of 2018 SWP Award Recipients and Honourable Mentions
- Sample: in-kind Spectator ad



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2018 AWARDS

Congratulations to the 2018 SWP Award Recipients!

WELCOME

Music from the Mohawk College Music Ensemble ArtPop
under the direction of composer Dusty Micale.

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

PUBLISHED

The Alvin A. Lee Award for Creative Non-Fiction

Brent van Staaldin: *#BecauseSocial*

Honourable Mentions:

Monica Plant: *An urban barn-raising*

Annastacia Dickerson: *Our Daughter's So Sparkly, We Gotta Wear Shades*

Michael Sinding: *From Words to Worldview: Framing Narrative Genres*

The Judy Marsales Real Estate Ltd. Award for Poetry

Ed Clayton: *Clackity Clack*

Honourable Mentions

Ben Robinson: *The Sesquicentennial Luncheon*

Richard MacKinnon: *Busy Water*

The Hamilton Public Library Freda Waldon Award for Fiction

Brent van Staaldin: *Those Days Just A Glimmer*

Honourable Mentions:

Laura Lawson: *The Harbinger, 1983*

Margaret Nowaczyk: *Tower of Fools*

Nicola Winstanley: *The Feeling In The Flesh*

SWP MYSTERY GUEST: He's back! Acclaimed dub poet Klyde Broox!

YOUTH

The Rotary Club of Hamilton AM Awards for Young Writers

Owen Luo - Poetry: *Dividers*

Julie Leroux - Poetry: *The Night Sky*

Jordyn Byers - Fiction: *Andromeda*

Monica Swayze - Fiction: *From Distant Lands*

Honourable Mentions:

Jade Zhang - Poetry: *hand in hand*

Jana El-Hosseini - Poetry: *She is my Home*

Jaime Delaney - Poetry: *Always*

Reema Balousha – Poetry: *Shattered Dreams and Hopeless Teens*

Leah Hart – Fiction: *Dragon Warriors*

Nifemi Bola – Fiction: *The Almost King*

Amit Nehru – Fiction: *The Other*

Ruby Wang – Fiction: *L'oiseau est morte*

OFF-THE-RADAR • UNPUBLISHED:

The Mohawk College Awards for Poetry & Short Story

Elise Arsenault: *Encore*

Duncan Todd: *Breakfast*

Honourable Mentions:

Chris McNamee: *Unveiled*

Paul Van Ravenstein: *My Life As a Book*

Rita Aker: *Mother Earth's Love*

Jess Paquette: *One Sunday*

Katrine Raymond: *Everything Belongs to Me*

The Redeemer University College Award for a Short Story

Mary Haylock: *My Theatrical Career*

Honourable Mentions:

Suzanne Foreman: *Lies Our Parents Told Us*

Nevena Kovacevic: *Flashbacks*

Sarah Lim: *These are the Things that are New*

THE GILLETT REMINISCENCE AWARDS

Jennette Lukasik: *A Cherished Childhood*

Shannon Chartrand: *Getting Juiced*

Judy Mendelson: *Climbing Dundurn Stairs*

Honourable Mentions:

Ceci L. Dyer: *Sleeping with Bulls*

Dean Carriere: *The Red Shoes*



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