

Phoenix Sister Cities
Disabilities Awareness Committee
Presents the:

International Competition for

Writers
with
Disabilities
2010

Theme:

Reflections on Life

Artwork by nationally acclaimed artist and professional writer
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Brochure design by Jack Parry, Parry Design, Tampa, Florida.



Writers with Disabilities 2010

Since its inception in 1996, the Phoenix Sister Cities Disability Awareness Committee (PSC/DAC) has strived to promote global awareness of the capabilities of persons with disabilities. We have accomplished this mission through a variety of programs which showcase the skills of persons with disabilities such as the International Competition for Artists with Disabilities. Through these efforts PSC/DAC has been nationally recognized as a leader in the disability arena and has won the International Sister Cities Disability Advocacy Award seven times.

PSC/DAC is proud to announce its International Competition for Writers with Disabilities (ICWD). This contest extends the PSC/DAC's outreach efforts to writers and provides an opportunity for them to display their creativity through poetry.

The Phoenix Sister Cities are: Calgary, Canada; Catania, Italy; Chengdu, China; Ennis, Ireland; Grenoble, France; Hermosillo, Mexico; Himeji, Japan; Ramat-Gan, Israel; and Taipei, Taiwan.

“Poets are soldiers that liberate words from the steadfast possession of definition.”

***—Eli Khamarov
The Shadow Zone***

Reflections on Life

What to submit

ELIGIBILITY

Each participating writer, with a disability, must be at least 19 years of age by the competition's due date of April 1, 2010. Entries should be inspired by the theme “Reflections on Life” and must be original unpublished work. Each writer may submit multiple entries.

Each entry must be submitted with a completed official entry form. All writers with disabilities 19 years and older from Arizona are eligible to participate, along with Phoenix Sister City international counterparts.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The competition's organizers reserve the right to modify or clarify any of the competition rules during the term of the competition without notice. No Sister City program may reproduce finalist poetry online, on merchandise and printed materials without express written permission of the PSC/DAC.

COMPETITION

All submissions become the property of PSC/DAC. There is a \$15 (U.S. Dollars) entry fee for Arizona residents. There is no fee for our international Sister Cities entrants.

JUDGING

A panel of judges will evaluate entries on the basis of theme interpretation, composition and originality. During the judging, artists' names and communities are kept confidential.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

The grand prize winner will receive a \$500 cash award. Cash awards will also be given to 2nd place (\$300) and 3rd place (\$150) winners. (Note: Limit one cash award per writer)

A press release will be distributed to recognize all finalists. All entrants will receive a “Certificate of Participation” and recognition will be given to those entries that placed first, second and third. Entries will also be published on the PSC/DAC website.

How to submit

FORMAT SPECIFICATIONS

- Poems shall be no more than 32 lines.
- Poems must be written in English.
- Poems must be submitted with a cover page listing the author's name, address and phone number.
- The author's name must not be on the poem itself.
- Style is open.
- Subject matter is open, but must be consistent with the theme: “Reflections on Life.”
- It is preferred that entries be submitted electronically in PDF or word file format, but please contact us for any special accommodation needed at: pj.conover@phoenix.gov
- Entries not conforming to contest rules will be disqualified; entry fees will not be returned.

DEADLINE: April 1, 2010

Send entries to:

Phoenix Sister Cities/DAC
Historic City Hall
17 South 2nd Avenue, 4th Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85003

You may also e-mail entries to

pj.conover@phoenix.gov

For Arizona residents: Entries will NOT be accepted until a check, payable to “Phoenix Sister Cities,” in the amount of \$15.00 (U.S. Dollars) is sent to, and received at, the above address.

An awards ceremony will be held on Friday evening, June 11, 2010 in Phoenix Arizona.

For questions or additional information, please contact P.J. Conover at: pj.conover@phoenix.gov

“The smell of ink is intoxicating to me - others may have wine, but I have poetry.”

—Abbe Yeux-verdi

Please complete form in English and enclose with each poem submitted. Arizona residents need to include a \$15 (U.S. Dollars) entry fee. Please make the check payable to "Phoenix Sister Cities". You may also submit an entry form online at <http://www.phoenixsistercities.com>

Writer's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Disability Classification: (e.g. visual impairment, hearing impairment, etc.) _____

Title of Poem: _____

Please tell us what inspired you to write this poem (in 100 words or less) _____

Please include a short biography and photograph of the writer which will be included on the Phoenix Sister Cities/Disability Awareness Committee Website.

We understand that all entries become the property of PSC/DAC. Although the writer retains his/her copyright for other uses, PSC/DAC will retain perpetual, non-exclusive rights to use submitted poems in any future publication, promotion material or on-line service with no compensation other than credit with the writer's name and community. PSC/DAC reserves the right to free reproduction of all submissions. All fees associated with the competition become the property of PSC/DAC and will not be returned.

By submitting this entry, we agree to give PSC/DAC, its members and affiliates, permission to publish and display the submitted entry at public exhibits, online and in publications and/or promotional materials, at the discretion of PSC/DAC. We agree to abide by all the rules and terms of the competition and agree to waive all claims of any kind against the competition organizers.

Sister Cities Entry: _____ Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Signature: _____

For questions or additional information, please contact PJ Conover at 602-534-7357

