

# CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS “Words on Water” 2021



In honor of World Ocean’s Day 2021, the Blue Institute is proud to announce its Third Annual Call for Submissions for “Words on Water,” a Poetry, Prose and (Short) Playwriting Competition with a Theme of Water. Submissions are due Wednesday, May 12, 2021. The winning pieces from all three years will be included as performances and readings in our (virtual) **BLUE Institute World Oceans Day 2021 Interdisciplinary Festival June 4 – 8, 2021**. Poets and prose writers are invited to submit readings of their winning pieces (five-minute excerpts for prose), and the winning plays will be produced as Zoom readings by the Festival's company of actors. The readings will be due one week from the date winners are notified.

## **RULES:**

- 1) Writers may submit only one work in each category – use size 12 Times New Roman font, with one-inch margins.
- 2) All work must be original, unpublished and not previously produced.
- 3) Each submission must have a cover page with:
  - Category
  - Title of Work
  - Author’s Full Name, mailing address, telephone number and email (if they have one)
  - K-12 Students must also identify their school and a parent/guardian contact information
- 4) Each submission may be a maximum of 9 pages plus a Cover Page.
- 5) Author’s name and Title appears **only** on the Cover Page.
- 6) Plays are limited to four characters or less – set is Black Box Theater Style only.
- 7) Prose can be fiction or non-fiction.
- 8) Finalists’ works will be read/performed by actors for the Blue Institute’s Virtual World Oceans Day Interdisciplinary Festival June 4 – 8, 2021. The winners’ works may also be published on the Blue Institute’s Website. Authors retain all rights other than specified here.

**DUE DATE: Both electronic and snail mail are due by Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**FEE:** Each submission is a suggested \$10 donation (Students in K-12 free – please identify your school)

- **These are hard times – a donation is not required to submit an entry**
- Online payment by Credit Card or PayPal at
- Postal Mail payment by Check or Money Order (Do Not Send Cash)
- Make Checks Payable to “Blue Institute”

**SUBMISSION METHOD:** Online or Hardcopy

**PRIZES:** First prize in each category is \$100 bookstore gift card, Second Prize in each category is \$50 bookstore gift card.

**email Submissions:** [wordsonwater@blueinstitute.org](mailto:wordsonwater@blueinstitute.org)

**OR Postal Mail to:** Blue Institute, P.O. Box 333, Harwich Port, MA, 02646 USA

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