

13th Yamadera Bashō Memorial Museum English Haiku Contest – Guidelines for Submission

- 1 Conditions for submission:** Only unpublished English haiku poems are eligible for submission. Each applicant may submit up to two poems. A Japanese translation should be included with each poem when possible, but non-Japanese applicants are not required to attach a translation.
- 2 Judging:** An initial screening will select haiku to be printed in the Haiku Submission Collection. A second screening will determine prize winners from among these selected works. The judging panel will consist of **Takehisa Iijima** (Adviser of the International Association of Japanese Studies, Professor Emeritus of Yamagata University), **Noboru Oba** (13th English Haiku Contest Executive Committee President, former President of the Yamagata Prefecture English Education Research Association), **Joe Maricoji** (poet and critic), **Lisa Somers** (translator, Yamagata University instructor), **Shuichiro Soma** (Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Yamagata City Culture Foundation).
- 3 Divisions:**
 - Division One:** general public
 - (a) Japanese applicants
 - (b) Non-Japanese applicants
 - Division Two:** high school students
 - Division Three:** junior high school students
- 4 Application procedure:** Applicants can submit their works by post, email, or fax. They are requested to give their division, name, age and sex (optional), nationality, and contact information (address, phone number, email address). Age, sex, and contact information will not be made public. Junior and senior high school students should include their school name and grade, and Japanese applicants are asked to give the phonetic reading of their name.
- 5 Participation fee:** None
- 6 Deadline:** Applications will be accepted from July 1, 2021, to August 31, 2021.
- 7 Submissions:** Haiku submissions and inquiries may be sent by post, fax, or email to:
Yamadera Bashō Memorial Museum, English Haiku Contest
4223 Nanin Yamadera, Yamagata-shi, Yamagata-ken, 999-3301 JAPAN
Phone: 023-695-2221 Fax: 023-695-2552
email address: bashoenglish-haiku@amail.plala.or.jp
- 8 Prizes:** In each division, one **grand prize** and two **distinguished work prizes** will be awarded. Recipients will receive a certificate printed in both English and Japanese.
- 9 Announcement of judging results:** The museum will directly notify prize winners, and the prize-winning haiku poems and haiku submission collection will be displayed on the Yamadera Bashō Memorial Museum website in mid-October 2021.

**Haiku submissions and applicant names may be printed in the haiku submission collection, displayed on the museum website, and otherwise made public. To ensure easy understandability, any unintentional spelling mistakes found in haiku submissions will be corrected by museum staff.*