

15th Yamadera Basho Memorial Museum English Haiku Contest – Guidelines for Submission

- 1 Conditions for submission:** Only unpublished English haiku poems are eligible. 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** (15th English Haiku Contest Executive Committee President, former President of the Yamagata Prefecture English Education Research Association), **Joe Maricoji** (poet and critic), **Lisa Somers** (translator), and **Shuichiro Soma** (Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Yamagata City Cultural Promotion 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 may submit their haiku by post, email, or fax. They are requested to give their division, name, age, sex (optional), nationality, and contact information (address, phone number, and email address). Age, sex, and contact information will not be made public. Schools are requested to use the designated application form for student applications, 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, 2023 to August 25, 2023.
- 7 Submissions:** Haiku submissions and inquiries may be sent by post, fax, or email to:
Yamadera Basho 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:** Each division will award one **grand prize** and two **distinguished work prizes**. Recipients will receive a certificate printed in both English and Japanese.
- 9 Announcement of judging results:** The museum will directly notify prize winners. The prize-winning haiku poems and haiku submission collection will be displayed on the Yamadera Basho Memorial Museum website at the end of October 2023. Any unintentional spelling mistakes found in haiku submissions will be corrected by museum staff to ensure easy understandability.

Organizers: Yamagata City Cultural Promotion Foundation, 15th Yamadera Basho Memorial Museum English Haiku Contest Executive Committee