

Wigtown POETRY PRIZE 2020



In association with The Gaelic Books Council, Moniack Mhor, Saltire Society, Scottish Poetry Library, StAnza

WIGTOWN PRIZE £1500
RUNNER-UP £200

WIGTOWN SCOTS PRIZE £500
RUNNER-UP £200

WIGTOWN SCOTTISH GAELIC PRIZE £500
RUNNER-UP £200

DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY FRESH VOICE AWARD

A PACKAGE OF PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT INCLUDING MENTORING AND
A RETREAT AT MONIACK MHOR CREATIVE WRITING CENTRE

ALASTAIR REID PAMPHLET PRIZE

PRODUCTION OF A PAMPHLET SET BY GERRY CAMBRIDGE

INVITATION TO READ AT STANZA 2021

A WINNER FROM ONE OR MORE CATEGORIES WILL BE SELECTED AT THE
DISCRETION OF STANZA AND WIGTOWN FESTIVAL COMPANY



CLOSING DATE: 29 MAY 2020

For more information, rules or to enter online please visit www.wigtownpoetryprize.com
www.facebook.com/WigtownPoetryPrize or telephone 01988 402036

THE JUDGES

WIGTOWN PRIZE WINNER 2019

Mhairi Owens, *Shiftin*

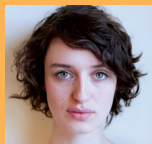
Shiftin

Ah seen the Cailleach
waken't bi
the lilac shades
o autumn cairies
flittin ower
her face.

She rose wi a stang
tae peesies soonin
roon the derklins
mairsh,
pued the sky
doon, lik a pelt
about her shooders
an let scaum
tae silhouette
ivery rig.
She restit
oan her staff
till she heard
fae the nor'east gales,
then lit oot
a hoast that lownt
tae a beast's souch
and hirsilt yont,
a hert's spit
in the winter nicht

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Cailleach | *creator shape-shifting hag*;
cairies | *moving clouds*; stang | *ache*;
peesies | *lapwings*; derklins | *twilight*;
scaum | *char*; rig | *ridge*; hoast | *cough*;
lownt | *died away*; souch | *pant*;
hirsilt yont | *moved away*; hert | *stag*;
spit | *likeness*



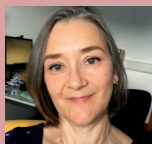
WIGTOWN PRIZE AND ALASTAIR REID PAMPHLET PRIZE

Roseanne Watt



WIGTOWN SCOTS PRIZE

George Watt



WIGTOWN SCOTTISH GAELIC PRIZE

Anna Frater

DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY FRESH VOICE AWARD

Open to poets living in or from Dumfries & Galloway who have never professionally published a full-length collection, but who show promise.

ALASTAIR REID PAMPHLET PRIZE

Named in memory of the local poet who was one of Scotland's foremost literary figures, renowned for poetry, prose and translation.

Wigtown became Scotland's National Book Town in 1998, a mecca for booklovers drawn to this beautiful area of south-west Scotland by its secondhand bookshops and award-winning autumn literary festival. To find out more, go to www.explorewigtown.com.

Featuring more than 250 events, the 2020 Wigtown Book Festival takes place from 25 September - 4 October 2020. www.wigtownbookfestival.com.