

## **The 2010 New England Shakespeare Festival Sonnet Contest** *To Benefit the New England Shakespeare Festival*

\$500 First Prize

Judge: R. Nemo Hill

Winners will be published in the *Raintown Review* ([www.theraintownreview.com](http://www.theraintownreview.com)), and will have a video clip of a Shakespearean Actor reading their poems posted on the New England Shakespeare Festival website by Summer 2011.

Winners will be announced by October 15, 2010 at <http://www.newenglandshakespeare.org>.

1. Sonnets must be Shakespearean:
  - fourteen lines
  - ababcdcdefefgg rhyme scheme
  - basically written in iambic pentameter, variations and substitutions are permitted.
2. Submissions must be original and unpublished.
3. Writers may enter as many sonnets as they wish.
4. The entry fee is \$3 per sonnet. Checks should be payable to “The New England Shakespeare Festival.”
5. Entries may be submitted electronically using the Sonnet Contest Online Entry Form ([http://www.newenglandshakespeare.org/sonnet\\_contest/sonnet\\_contest\\_entry\\_form.htm](http://www.newenglandshakespeare.org/sonnet_contest/sonnet_contest_entry_form.htm)) or via regular mail. When submitting by mail, send two copies of each poem. The author's name, address, telephone number and email, if available, should be typed on the upper left-hand corner of one copy. The other copy should include only the poem, the title and the name of the contest for anonymous judging. Please write "NESF Sonnet Contest" in the upper right-hand corner of each entry.
6. Minors may enter the contest, but a parent/guardian must sign and return the Parent/Guardian permission form ([www.newenglandshakespeare.org/sonnet\\_contest/parent\\_consent\\_form.pdf](http://www.newenglandshakespeare.org/sonnet_contest/parent_consent_form.pdf)). If submitting by mail, please include the form. If submitting online, please mail the form separately. Poems submitted by minors will not be considered until this form is received.
7. Entries must be postmarked not later than **August 1, 2010** and mailed to:

NESF Sonnet Award  
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