

**The 2011 New England Shakespeare Festival Sonnet Contest**  
To Benefit the New England Shakespeare Festival

\$250 First Place  
\$125 Second Place  
\$75 Third Place

Judge: Marion Shore

Winners will will have ~~a video clip of a Shakespearean Actor reading~~ their poems posted on the New England Shakespeare Festival website in ~~Summer~~ 2012.

Winners will be announced by October 15, 2011 at <http://www.newenglandshakespeare.org>

**Guidelines:**

1. Sonnets must be Shakespearean:
  - fourteen lines
  - abab cdcd efef gg 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 Submissions must be original and unpublished.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 \$4 per sonnet. Checks should be payable to “The New England Shakespeare Festival.”
5. Please send in two copies of the sonnets, one with only the title and the text of the sonnet for anonymous judging. The second should include the author’s name, address, telephone number and email, if available.
6. Please write “NESF Sonnet Contest” in the upper left-hand corner of the front page of each entry.
7. Entries may be submitted 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. If submitting by mail, entries must be postmarked not later than August 1, 2011 and mailed to:

The New England Shakespeare Festival Sonnet Award  
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