**The NOTL Writers’ Circle**

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Presents

**RISING SPIRITS WRITING CONTEST**

**Entry Rules**

**How To Enter**

1. Fill out an **official entry form**. You must submit a separate entry form with each submission.
2. *Only one submission per category is permitted*.
3. Your entry must be dropped off at NOTL Public Library **(10 Anderson Lane
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ONLOS 1J0)** or sent in by email to hsteinberg@sympatico.ca by ***4 p.m. on Monday, September26th , 2016****.* Late submissions will not be considered.

**Who Can Enter**

1. You must be 18 years or older and be a resident of the Niagara Region. Youth entries are open to individuals 14-18 years of age.
2. Only the author of the work being submitted has the right to submit an entry.

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**What You Can Enter**

1. Your entry must be original. A person who submits an entry that is plagiarized will be disqualified from the contest. Plagiarism is copying someone else's words and or their ideas and saying they are your own.
2. Only unpublished material will be accepted. Copyright remains the property of the author.
3. Your entry must be written in English.
4. Your entry must be connected to the theme of What Rising Spirits means to you) – however you care to interpret it.
	1. Short stories and/or poetry must not go over the maximum of 2500 words.
5. You can send in only one entry per category. The judging categories are as follows:
	1. Fiction
	2. Non-Fiction
	3. Poetry
	4. Youth
6. **Your entry must be a Word Document attached to the email. Standard formatting only. Standard formatting is: 2.5 cm margins. Font: Times New Roman. Font size: 12 pt. Indented paragraphs.**
7. The following information must be included on the top page. Each following page should only have the title of the piece.
	1. Full name
	2. Story Name and word count
	3. Home Address
	4. Email address
	5. Telephone Number
	6. Page Number

**How Entries are Judged**

1. A panel of judges will judge the entries for each category separately.

2. Each entry will be judged for content, originality, and style.

**Winners and Prizes**

1. All authors of winning entries will be contacted one week before the Awards Celebration to be held on the evening of Sunday, October 30st, 2016.
2. All authors of winning entries will have their work published in the Anthology – Rising Spirits, Second Edition and receive a prize package valued at $100
3. All contestants will be invited to the Awards Celebration.

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 **The Shaw Festival**

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Second Annual

**RISING SPIRITS WRITING CONTEST**

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM AND RELEASE/WAIVER**

Please complete this form and answer all questions. You must submit a completed entry form with each submission to the contest. Incomplete entry forms will be disqualified from the contest.

The completed entry form must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Monday, September 26th, 2016 to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library or by email to hsteinberg@sympatico.ca.

Author’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Author’s Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Street no unit no. street name

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 Town/city province postal code

Author’s Telephone No: Home/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Author’s Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Category of Submission (check one only):

Fiction \_\_\_

Non-Fiction \_\_\_

Poetry \_\_\_

Youth \_\_\_

Word Count: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Title of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you 18 years of age or older? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_ No

If you are under 18, please have your parent or guardian sign below to signify permission to enter the contest.

In entering the NOTL Writers’ Circle Rising Spirits Writing contest I irrevocably give the NOTL Writers’ Circle and it agents and contractors the right and permission to use, copy, edit, distribute, publish, and display my name and town/city, the work I have submitted, photographs and images of me from the Awards Celebration or made for promotional purposes in advertising or promotional materials, and in any other medium or format for any purpose related to the above-mentioned contest. I waive the right to royalties or other payment for the use of my submission. The work I have submitted was solely created by me and is owned by me. I release and waive and agree to hold the NOTL Writers’ Circle and all its agents and contractors harmless from any claims, damages, or liabilities resulting from the use or publication of my submitted work, included but not limited to for violation of publicity rights and privacy rights, claims based on moral rights, intrusion, defamation, fraud, copyright or intellectual property infringement.

I represent and warrant that:

1. I have the full right and authority to execute this Release and Waiver
2. I have read this Release and Waiver and fully understand it
3. All statements and information included in my Entry Application are true and complete.

Print Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_