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The Arts and Culture Commission of Northfield announces the **2018 Sidewalk Poetry competition.**

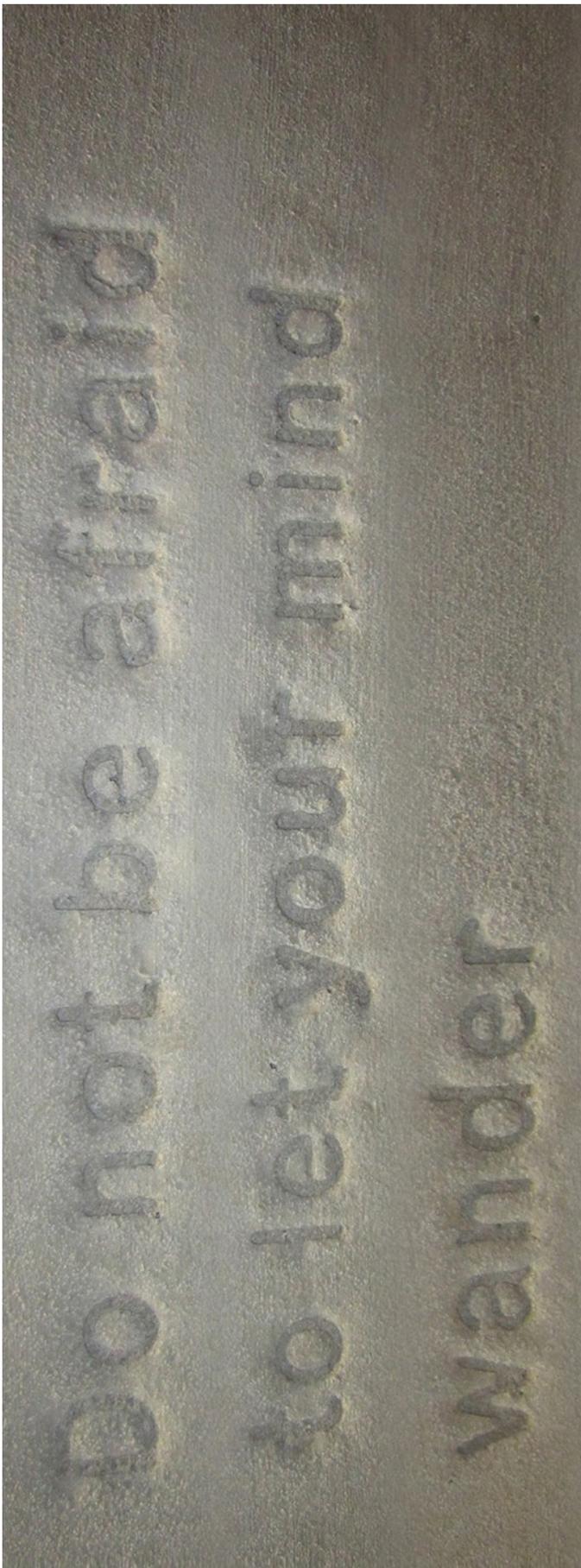
All residents of the Northfield School District and students of any age, young and old, professional writers and amateurs - are eligible. Each person may submit up to two short poems that are appropriate for the public sphere.

Up to 5 poems will be stamped into the Northfield sidewalk pavements and will be considered for other public purposes including publication and readings.

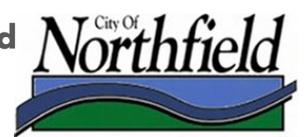
This project is in partnership with the Friends and Foundation of the Northfield Public Library, the Northfield Public Library, and the City of Northfield's Arts and Culture Commission.

For further contest information and important submission rules, see Sidewalk Poetry on the Arts and Culture Commission page of the City of Northfield website.

The competition is open from Thursday, February 1, to Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Winners will be announced in April—2018 National Poetry Month.



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The Arts and Culture Commission of Northfield announces the **2018 Sidewalk Poetry competition Rules.**



All residents of the Northfield School District and students of any age may submit up to two short poems. 2017 winners are not eligible in 2018.

There is no charge for submission. All entries are reviewed by a panel in a blind judging process.

The following are criteria for submission:

- Each person may submit up to two poems. Text and subject matter must be appropriate for the general public. Poems that are explicitly religious, political, graphically violent or overtly sexual will not be considered.
- Poems may be composed in either a **vertical format** (up to 11 lines; no line having more than 26 characters including spaces and punctuation), or a **horizontal format** (up to 8 lines; no line having more than 36 characters including spaces and punctuation). If a title is included it will count as 2 lines (title line plus a line space between the title and the poem). These size restrictions are strictly enforced.
- Poems can be previously published or unpublished, as long as they are the original work of the entrant.
- All poems must be submitted in typewritten form on 8-1/2" by 11" paper, one poem per page. No poet's name or other identifying text can be on the page on which the poem appears.
- Each entrant must also include one cover page with the poet's name, home address, phone number and email address, and the first line of each poem submitted. Please do not use staples.
- Poets retain full copyright of their poems. By entering the contest poets agree that the ACC and the City of Northfield may freely use and/or print the poems as many times as they wish, and also use the poems in whole or in part for promotional, documentary, and/or celebratory purposes.
- Entries must be submitted to the circulation desk at the Northfield Public Library or mailed to: Friends of the Northfield Public Library, 210 Washington Street, Northfield, MN, 55057. Label the envelope: "Attn: Sidewalk Poetry"

***The deadline for submission of poems is 8pm on Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

Winning poems will be announced in April, National Poetry Month, and installed as soon as weather permits.

Winning poems from the seven previous contests can be found on the Arts and Culture Commission page of the City of Northfield website.