

**CALL FOR POETRY**

***MOVING FORWARD***

Designed by Donna Sink, architect  
**A Public Art Project for Indiana Poets**



Throughout Indiana, Hoosiers are on the move—and so is our capitol city. Nothing exemplifies this better than the **Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A legacy of Gene & Marilyn Glick**, an urban bike and pedestrian path that links five downtown cultural districts in an eight-mile celebration of the city’s vibrant culture. Traveling along it, walkers, runners, and cyclists pass by and through many of the cultural destinations and public art installations that have given Indianapolis its reputation as a world-class city, one with its sights set firmly on the future.

“Moving Forward,” is a new permanent public art project for the Indianapolis Cultural Trail that will bring three bus shelters, custom-designed by Indianapolis-based architect Donna Sink, to the Trail. Importantly, they become the vehicle for permanently displaying three poems. Published poets, who live in or who have close ties to Indiana, are invited to submit work to be considered for the project. Subjects may include, but are not restricted to, community, neighborhoods, landmarks, shared spaces, transportation, history, and the future. Each poet selected will receive a \$1,000 Prize.

**Eligibility:**

- Poets must live in or have close ties to Indiana.
- Poets must have published at least one poem in a print magazine or anthology prior to submitting their work to “Moving Forward.”

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**Guidelines for Submission:**

- Each poet may submit one poem, no longer than 50 lines. (The poem may have been published previously.)
- Each entry must include a cover sheet with the following:
  - Contact information.
  - Verification of publication: a list of 1-5 published poems that includes the title of each poem, name of print magazine or anthology in which it was published, and publication date.
  - Poets who do not live in Indiana must provide a brief statement describing their tie to Indiana.
- Content must be appropriate for public display with sensitivity to diverse audiences.
- Entries must be in English. (If appropriate, poets may include a translation to another language.)
- All submissions must be made electronically to [movingforward@indianawriters.org](mailto:movingforward@indianawriters.org).
- Entries must be attached as a Word document (.doc) or PDF.
- The Writers' Center of Indiana and the Cultural Trail Management and Design Team retain the right to disqualify any entry that does not comply with the above guidelines.

**Deadline for Submissions:**

Midnight on Friday, November 22, 2009.

**Selection Process & Timeline:**

- Entries will be judged blindly by three out-of-state judges. Poets' names and contact information will be removed from all submissions.
- The judges will submit six finalists to the Writers' Center of Indiana. A panel including representatives from the Writers' Center, Art Strategies, and the Cultural Trail Management and Design team, along with project architect, Donna Sink, will choose the three poems to be used in the bus shelter installations.
- Winners will be announced in mid-March 2010.
- Installation will begin in 2010 with expected completion in Spring 2011.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Quality of writing.
- Thematic connection to the Indianapolis Cultural Trail and the “Moving Forward” project.
- Appropriateness for public display with sensitivity to diverse audiences.

**Contracts:**

Winning poets will retain the copyright to their work, but must license the Indianapolis Cultural Trail and/or the City of Indianapolis to make reproductions of the poem for not-for-profit educational and promotional purposes. While the project's creator, Donna Sink, and the Cultural Trail Design and Management Team may ask for input on the visual manifestation of the poem within the project, both Donna Sink and the Indianapolis Cultural Trail Management and Design Team reserve the right to make the final decision about how the text will be displayed.

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**Project Partners**

The Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene & Marilyn Glick is made possible by a large public and private collaboration led by Central Indiana Community Foundation, the City of Indianapolis and several not-for-profit organizations devoted to building a better city. For information about the Indianapolis Cultural Trail, visit [www.indyculturaltrail.org](http://www.indyculturaltrail.org).

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