

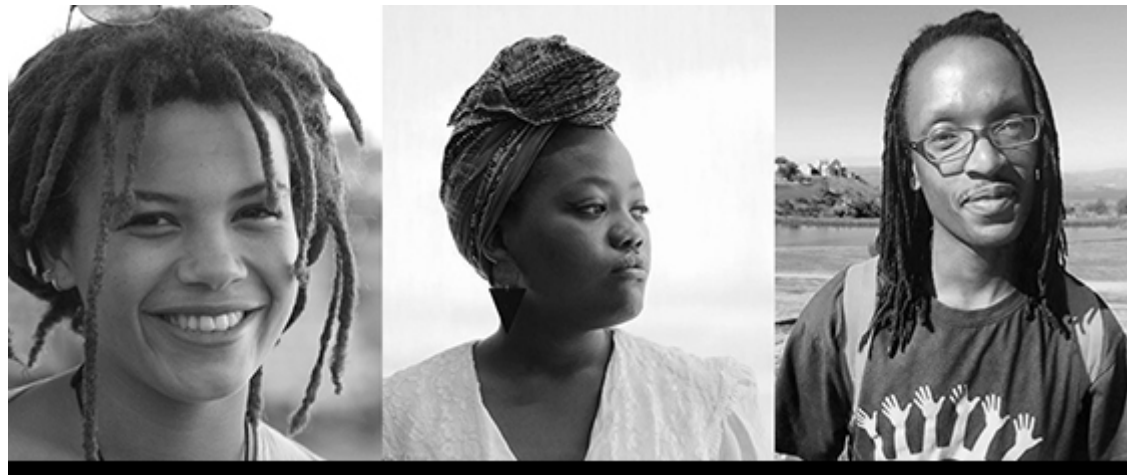
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PEN South Africa Student Writing Prize Shortlist

We are pleased to announce the shortlist for the PEN South Africa Student Writing Prize.

We invited writers under the age of 30 to send in their fiction, creative non-fiction or poetry on the topic of the recent #FeesMustFall movement and the **panel of judges**, Gabeba Baderoon (chair), Panashe Chigumadzi, Nick Mulgrew and Masande Ntshanga, have chosen the shortlist.

- “The Forgotten” by Sithembiso Khalishwayo
- “Water” by Koleka Putuma
- “A love poem to the ‘Problematic’ Black Womxn” by Puleng Lange Stewart

"Here are three new voices. Here is writing that is muscular and poetic, incandescent with rage and luminous with pain. These are the finalists of the PEN South Africa Student Writing Prize. These clear and welcome and articulate new writers distil and give form to the student movement that is changing and shaping a generation." – PEN SA President Margie Orford

Click through to read the judges' comments and to find out more about the shortlisted writers...[read more](#)



Norsk PEN: Edward Snowden Files Lawsuit Against Norwegian Government

Norwegian PEN has awarded Edward Snowden the Ossietzky Prize for 2016, for his contribution to defend freedom of expression. He has been invited to receive the award in Oslo on Friday 18 November, and Norwegian PEN have said that they will do their utmost to ensure that Snowden may receive the



Reports on World Press Freedom Day

It was World Press Freedom Day on Tuesday and PEN Africa Network (PAN) took a look at the state of press freedom on the continent...[read more](#)

PEN International shared that its 2015 case list documents a decline in freedom of expression across the world...[read](#)

prize in person.

On behalf of Snowden and Norwegian PEN, Advokatfirmaet Schjødt has filed a petition to Oslo City Court in order to allow Snowden to travel to Norway without fear of extradition to the US, where he faces decades of imprisonment under the “Espionage Act.” [...read more](#)

NEW MEMBERS' TITLES



Recent titles from PEN SA members include [The Seeing Place](#) by new PEN SA member Eden Walker [...read more](#)

CONGRATULATIONS!

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The Committee to Protect Journalists also recently released their annual report on attacks on the press, with a particular focus on gender and media freedom [...read more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coming up this month is the Franschhoek Literary Festival, the Jewish Literary Festival and the Spier Poetry Festival [...read more](#)

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Bridport Prize [...read more](#)

Rattle Poetry Prize [...read more](#)

Praxis Magazine Calling for Submissions [...read more](#)

Poetry and Prose on Loving and Being in Love [...read more](#)

WELCOME!

Kirsten Miller shortlisted for The Wilbur and Niso Smith Foundation Prize...[read more](#)

Welcome to new Professional members Wendy Woodward, Fred Khumalo and Eden Walker.

Athol Williams longlisted for the Wisehouse International Poetry Award 2016...[read more](#)

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Had a book published recently? Attended or participated in a festival? Won an award? Achieved a personal milestone of note? We welcome any news of your activities for future issues of the PEN SA newsletter.

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