OPUS 2023-2024 SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We are now accepting submissions for our 66th issue.

We consider all original writing and artwork that includes—but is not limited to—poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, screenplays, satire, personal essay, photography, drawings, paintings, and digital art through an anonymous, rigorous selection process. **We urge you to take risks and experiment with complex thoughts, forms, or ideas. We ask that you take the time to polish and complete your pieces before submitting them. Pieces that cannot stand alone are much less likely to be accepted** (this is in reference to novel excerpts, chapters, etc.).

This year, we will have **ONE** submission deadline! **If you submit to this deadline, you will be notified of the status of your piece by the Spring.** It is imperative that you submit by the deadline as the submissions will go through the selection process right after the deadline. **Please note that we will only notify you of the status of your submission and will not be providing commentary on your work.**

In addition, due to consistently high amounts of submissions in both poetry and photography, we will be **capping** the total number of submissions to **100 POETRY pieces and 50 PHOTOGRAPHY pieces**. Make sure to submit only your best & most unique works, and submit early!

We're looking forward to reading your work!

FINAL DEADLINE: **January 8, 2024, 11:59 PM EST**

SUBMISSION FORMATTING:

- Times New Roman, size 12 font
- Standard 1" margins
- You will need to submit your piece according to genre or type of work (**Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, Art, Other).** If you would like to submit to multiple categories, you will need to fill out a **separate and new** form for each category.
- For all **PROSE** pieces, submit no more than **SIX** pages of work. You may submit as many pieces as you like, as long as the total page count is within the limit. All pieces should be **double spaced. Separate your pieces by genre (Fiction, Nonfiction, Other).**
- For **POETRY,** the total number of poems should not exceed **THREE**, but there will be no restrictions on page limit (within reason). All poems should be **1.5 spaced.**
- If you would like to **submit both poetry and prose**, treat one page of prose as equivalent to one poem and submit each to their corresponding forms.
  - **(Pages of prose) + (Pieces of poetry) ≤ 6.**
  - *Poetry must still be 3 pieces or below; Ex. You may not submit 4 poems and 2 pages of prose.
- If you feel as if your work does not fit within one of the categories of work, submit to the **OTHER** category. Submit no more than **SIX** pages if you submit them to this category. If you submit to this category, **include the genre** of your piece in your submission.
- For **ART**, submit no more than **SIX** pieces and fill out a **SEPARATE** form for art. **Limits for art pieces and writing are treated separately,** so you may, for example, submit six poems and six pieces of art. **Submit your pieces as images (not within a Document or PDF). JPG and PNG files are preferred.**
- **Pieces that cannot stand alone are much less likely to be accepted.** If your piece is an excerpt from a longer piece of work but functions as a standalone story, indicate that at the top of the submission as well as the title of the longer work.
- You may submit more than one piece, but you are not required to submit more than one. In addition, all individual pieces should be contained in one submission.

Electronically compile your piece(s) in Google Docs and place **EACH** piece in a **SEPARATE DOCUMENT**. **Do not include your name.** We reserve the right to reject or excerpt pieces that do not follow these guidelines.
To Submit:

1. Write, create, and most importantly have fun!
2. Read the submission guidelines to ensure that your submission(s) are properly formatted.
3. Go to https://opusherricks.wixsite.com/opus/submit.
4. Read the submission guidelines and double check that your submission(s) are properly formatted.
5. Scroll down and click on the button corresponding to the category of your piece(s). If you would like to submit to multiple categories, you will need to fill out each form separately.
6. Fill out all of the required fields.
7. Attach your pieces (in separate documents) to the Google Form.
8. Submit!

Please email us at opus.herricks@gmail.com if you have any questions. Happy creating!