

Mark Fischer Poetry Prize deadline set for March 19

The Telluride Council for the Arts & Humanities and Talking Gourds invites submissions to the thirteenth annual Mark Fischer Poetry Prize. Started by former TCAH director Art Goodtimes in 1997 and sustained by Mark's widow Elaine Fischer and the Fischer family, the prize is named in the memory of Telluride's much-loved poet, lawyer, skier and raconteur.

Mark Fischer was a daring experimenter who combined a polyglot's command of numerous languages with a quirky sense of humor and a passion for obtuse words. In that spirit, prizes will be awarded to the entry that best exhibits the qualities of originality, novelty, complex meaning, linguistic skill and wit. All styles and content matter are acceptable (the wilder the better).

Winners will be selected by Danny Rosen, of Lithic Press. Awards of \$250 first prize, \$150 second prize, and \$100 third prize will be presented at a ceremony in Telluride on April 27, during National Poetry Month.

Submission Guidelines

Submissions are limited to one page of original work (8.5x11"), in a font no smaller than 12 points. Any poet residing in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah or Arizona for at least seven months of 2009 is eligible to enter, and multiple entries (up to 5) will be allowed. Previously published work is acceptable so long as the writer retains the copyright. Submission to the contest grants one-time use rights of publication to the Telluride Council for the Arts & Humanities in local papers and in any future anthology of work. But copyright is retained by the author. A reading fee of \$5 per poem/page must accompany submissions, and a SASE is necessary for notifying contestants of the winners. Make checks payable to the Telluride Council for the Arts & Humanities.

No names on the submissions themselves. On a separate sheet, please legibly write or type your name, the title of your piece(s), your phone number, email and your address. Snail mail must include check, SASE and poems (no email submissions acceptable). Send completed submission packet to **Mark Fischer Contest, c/o Danny Rosen, 1391 19 Road, Fruita CO 81521** Deadline (postmark date) is **Friday, March 19, 2010**. No incomplete or late submissions will be accepted or considered. For more information, contact Sasha of TCAH at 728-8959.