

As part of the 8th annual Festival of Arab Culture which will take place from 22nd March to 1st April in Pilsen and Prague, ARABFEST (CZ) and Writers' Cell (JO) are announcing **an international poetry and short text competition for Czech and Arab writers**. Partners of this competition include Czech and Arab literary associations, Koření od Antonína, Dar Ibn Rushd, Goethe-Institut in Prague and other cultural institutions (full list of partners can be found on www.arabfest.cz/en/).

How to apply

Let your muse inspire you and write a poem or short text concerning the impact of social media on our lives. You don't have to be a professional writer; it's completely enough if you just love creative writing. Record yourself performing the poem **in any language** and send a **maximum three-minute video** either via message on Facebook (@onlinepoetryslam) or via email to kontakt@arabfest.cz. Please share your videos by providing us with a link to an online storage platform (e.g. dropbox.com).

In the subject of the email please write: *online literary competition*.

All entries will be posted on our Facebook page and the finalists will be chosen by the number of likes their post receives. **The top ten entries with the largest number of likes will move on to the final stage of the competition.** In the finale, the ten entries will be translated into English and presented to an international panel of judges who will select the overall winner of the competition.

You can send your videos from 6 February to 8 March 2017. The winner will be announced and awarded with a prize at one of our Festival events.

Please note that if the poem you share is plagiarized and/or is intentionally harmful or offensive, we reserve the right not to publish it.

The prize

The winner will receive an **award of 250 Euros**. He or she will also receive a special literary parcel from the publishing house Dar Ibn Rushd and also an oriental gift parcel from the spice shop Koření od Antonína.

By sending a video according to the conditions listed above, the contestant grants his permission (according to Act No. 101/2000 Coll., on the Protection of Personal Data and its amendments) for processing and using the video and personal data provided for the purpose of the competition, for awarding the prize or for other use related to the competition for the duration of the competition. The contestant expresses his or her consent to the rules of the competition and states that the video does not violate the rights of any person. Please find the additional terms and conditions below.

If you have any questions, please contact the Festival team:
kontakt@arabfest.cz, www.arabfest.cz/en