

Michigan Irish Music Festival Annual Limerick Contest –2009

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Who can enter? Anyone and everyone who enjoys a lively, verbal challenge.

What is a limerick? A limerick is a humorous, poetic verse, written in five lines, with a specific rhythm and rhyme scheme. Lines 1, 2, and 5 must rhyme with each other and have three strong accents; lines 3 and 4 must rhyme with each other and have two strong accents. Limericks often use word play, eccentric spelling, or other witty features. They can be very naughty but not too bawdy, lewd but not too crude. Entries will be judged on **structure, content, and wit.** **Samples:**

*Each year at the hullabaloo
Of everything having to do
with the musical style
from the ol' Emerald isle
The only thing missing is you.*

by Ray Veen, a 2009 Limerick winner

*He'd been drinking and needed to go
but was seen on the side of the road
he wound up in jail
Cuz the police found the trail
Where he'd written his name in the snow.*

- by Don Goodman, a 2009 Limerick winner

How, when, and where do I enter?

Write your limerick entry on the back of this form and mail to
**Muskegon Writers' Center, c/o Mary Tyler,
221 S. Quarterline Rd, Muskegon, MI 49442**

Entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, Sept. 9th. (Limit: 5 entries per person.)

What do I win? Winners will be chosen in the following age groups:

Youth: Up to 12

Teens: 13- 17

Adult: 18 years old and over

All winners will be invited to read their limericks on stage Sun., Sept. 20, 2009

In each age group, winners will receive:

First prize - \$50.00

Second prize - \$25.00

Third prize - \$10.00

