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# Press Release

League of Canadian Poets announces longlists for three book awards, celebrating 27 poets

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

TORONTO - The League of Canadian Poets is excited to announce three book award longlists featuring 27 books of poetry published in 2023. Each award carries a \$2,000 prize for the winner, which will be announced on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

The Gerald Lampert Memorial Award, for a debut book of poetry, is given in the memory of Gerald Lampert, an arts administrator who organized authors' tours and took a particular interest in the work of new writers.

The Pat Lowther Memorial Award is awarded memory of the late Pat Lowther, whose career was cut short by her untimely death in 1975. As a women's prize, the Pat Lowther Memorial Award is inclusive of cis women, trans women, and non-binary writers who feel comfortable being recognized by a women's prize.

The Raymond Souster Award, which celebrates a new book of poetry by a League member, honors Raymond Souster, a founder of the League.

**Award shortlists will be announced on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, and winners will be announced on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.** An online reading will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 to celebrate the shortlisted poets.

**Graphics, author photos, and author bios can all be found at [poets.ca/longlist2024](https://poets.ca/longlist2024).**

Longlist details follow.

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# Raymond Souster Award longlist celebrates 12 new books of poetry

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The longlist was selected by a jury comprising Tara Borin, Adebe DeRango-Adem, and David Ly:

*Wires that Sputter* by Britta Badour (McClelland & Stewart)

*Uncomfortability* by Roxanna Bennett (Gordon Hill Press)

*The All + Flesh* by Brandi Bird (House of Anansi Press)

*Stedfast* by Ali Blythe (Goose Lane Editions)

*Bottom Rail on Top* by D.M. Bradford (Brick Books)

*Beast Body Epic* by Amanda Earl (AngelHousePress)

*act normal* by nancy viva davis Halifax (McGill-Queen's University Press)

*Spells, Wishes, and the Talking Dead: LL"ČΔ·rΔ·' <Дr└┐σP"rđσ^đČ<' mamahtâwisiwin,*

*pakosêyimow, nikihci-âniskotâpân* by Wanda John-Kehewin (Talonbooks)

*Slows: Twice* by T. Liem (Coach House Books)

*Elementary Particles* by Sneha Madhavan-Reese (Brick Books)

*Sonnets from a Cell* by Bradley Peters (Brick Books)

*No Town Called We* by Nikki Reimer (Talonbooks)

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The League of Canadian Poets is Canada's only national professional poetry organization. The League's mandate is to elevate the cultural significance of poetry and champion the role of poets. Working to nurture and expand poetry communities and audiences, the organization cultivates the local, national, and international publication, performance, and recognition of poetry. The League supports equitable and inclusive artistic practice through poetry education and development.