

Royal City
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10th Annual
Fred Cogswell Award
For Excellence In Poetry



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The Royal City Literary Arts Society proudly presents
The 10th Annual Fred Cogswell Award for Excellence in Poetry

Named after one of Canada's literary giants, the Award honours poetic excellence in the same way Fred Cogswell did through his iconic press, *Fiddlehead Poetry Books*, and the still-running literary magazine he founded, *The Fiddlehead*.

"Fred Cogswell (1917-2004) was a prolific poet, editor, professor, life member of the League of Canadian Poets, and an Officer of the Order of Canada."

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2023 Judge



Joseph A. Dandurand

Joseph A. Dandurand is a storyteller, poet, playwright and member of Kwantlen First Nation. Joseph is the Director of the Kwantlen Cultural Center. He has published 14 books of poetry including: *I WANT* by Leaf Press (2015) and *HEAR AND FORETELL* by BookLand Press (2015) *The Rumour* (2018) by BookLand Press in (2018) *SH:LAM* (the doctor) Mawenzi Press (2019) *The Corrupted* by Guernica Press (2020) his children's play: *Th'owixiya: the hungry Feast dish* by Playwrights Press Canada (2019).

The East Side of It All, which tells his story of survival through poetry, was a finalist for the 2021 Griffin Prize.

Joseph was the Indigenous Storyteller in Residence at Vancouver Public Library in 2019.

In 2022 he was the winner of the Latner Writers' Trust Poetry Prize.

His most recent publications include the poetry collection *The Punishment*, and stories for children: *The Girl Who Loved the Birds*, *The Sasquatch*, *the Fire and the Cedar Baskets*, and *A Magical Sturgeon* all with Harbour Publishing.

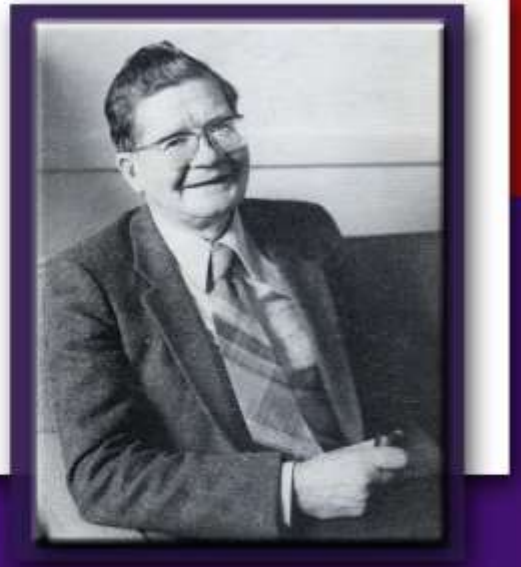
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Top Ten Longlist

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Announcing Our 2023 Longlist

We are pleased to announce the longlist for the
10th Annual Fred Cogswell Award For Excellence In Poetry

In alphabetical order by author:

But the sun, and the ships, and the fish, and the waves. by Conyer Clayton (Anvil Press)
Brat by Sophie Crocker (Gordon Hill Press)
Pistachios in my Pocket by Sareh Farmand (At Bay Press)
Mother Muse by Lorna Goodison (Signal Editions | Véhicule Press)
The Program by Megan Fennya Jones (icehouse poetry | Goose Lane Editions)
Cactus Gardens by Evelyn Lau (Anvil Press)
This Is a Stickup by Amber McMillan (Buckrider Books | Wolsak & Wynn)
Harrowings by Cecily Nicholson (Talonbooks)
Each One a Furnace by Tolu Oloruntoba (McClelland & Stewart | Penguin Random House)
Lunar Tides by Shannon Webb-Campbell (Book*hug Press)



1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be announced in December.
RCLAS would like to thank all the poets and their publishers who submitted work.
Thank you for your support!

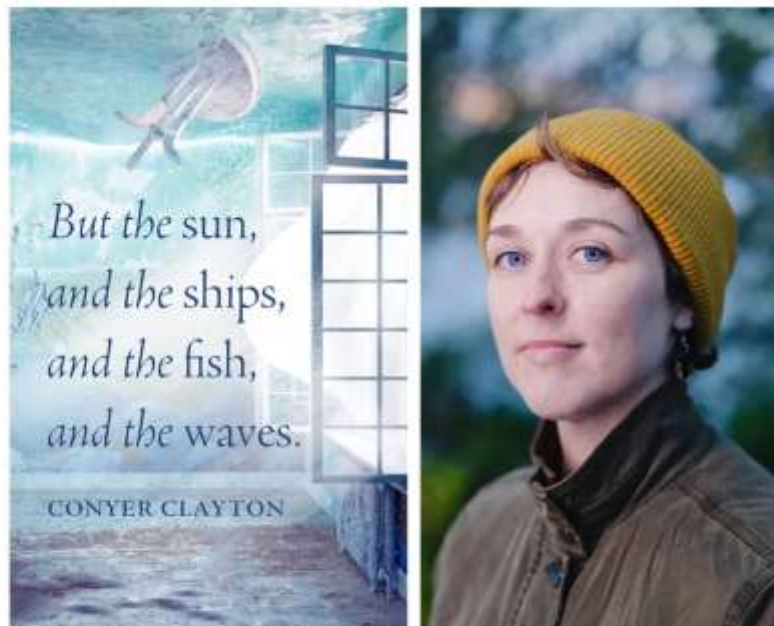
With appreciation to our 2023 judge

Joseph Dandurand

for his diligence, dedication, and time.



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Conyer Clayton

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Sophie Crocker – *BRAT*
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Sareh Farmand – *PISTACHIOS IN MY POCKET*
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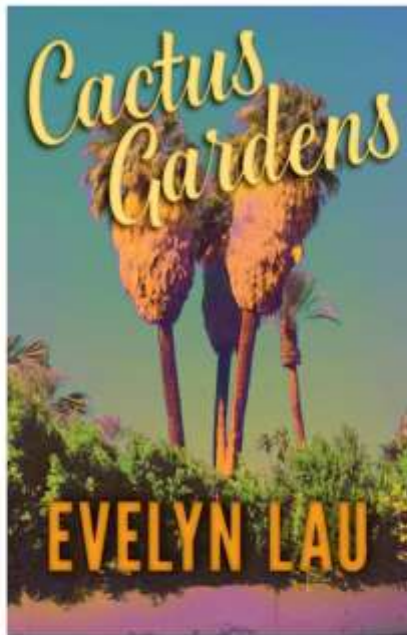


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Megan Fennya Jones – *THE PROGRAM*
(icehouse poetry | Goose Lane Editions)



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Evelyn Lau – *CACTUS GARDENS*
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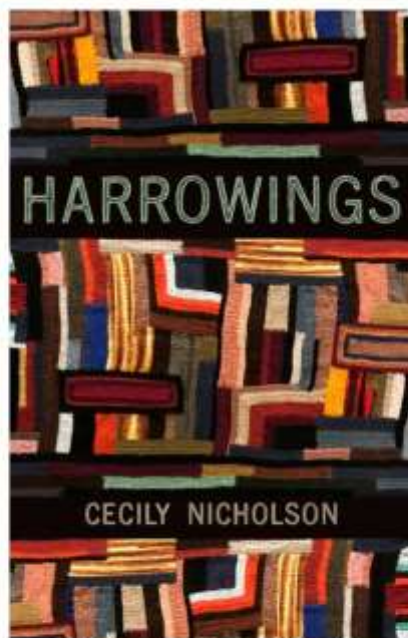


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Amber McMillan – *THIS IS A STICKUP*
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THE VISION OF FRED

Friend of Poets Ami de Poètes

Conversations with Fred Cogswell on the Nature and Function of Poetry

A Tribute To Fred Cogswell



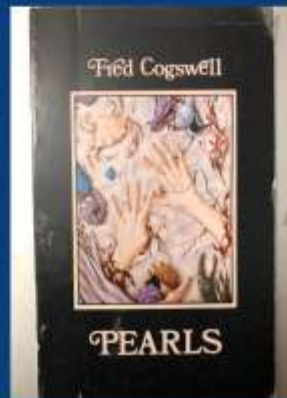
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AND WHITE
TAPESTRY



GHOSTS



Later in
Chicago

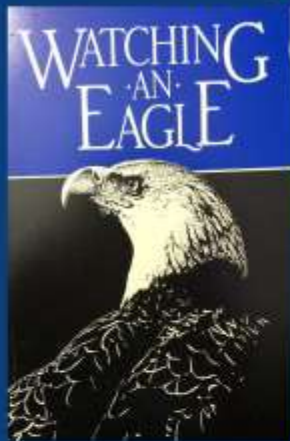


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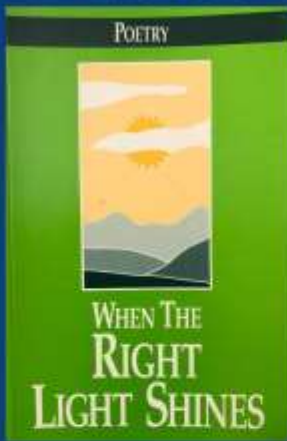
PEARLS



The
Kindness of
STARS



WATCHING
AN
EAGLE



POETRY

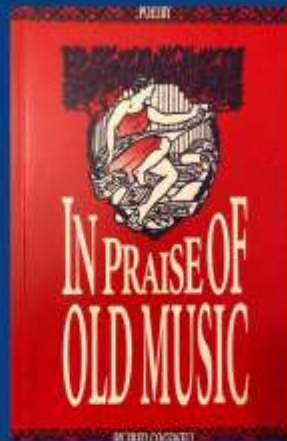


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THE TROUBLE WITH LIGHT

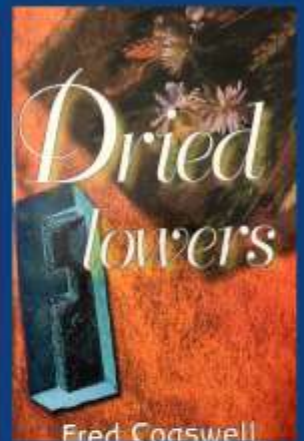
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POETRY

IN PRAISE OF
OLD MUSIC

BY FRED COGSWELL



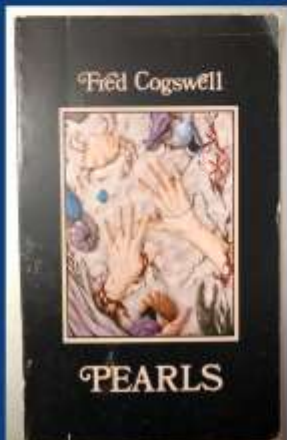
Dried
flowers

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THE
BEST NOTES
MERGE

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PEARLS



WITH VISION ADDED



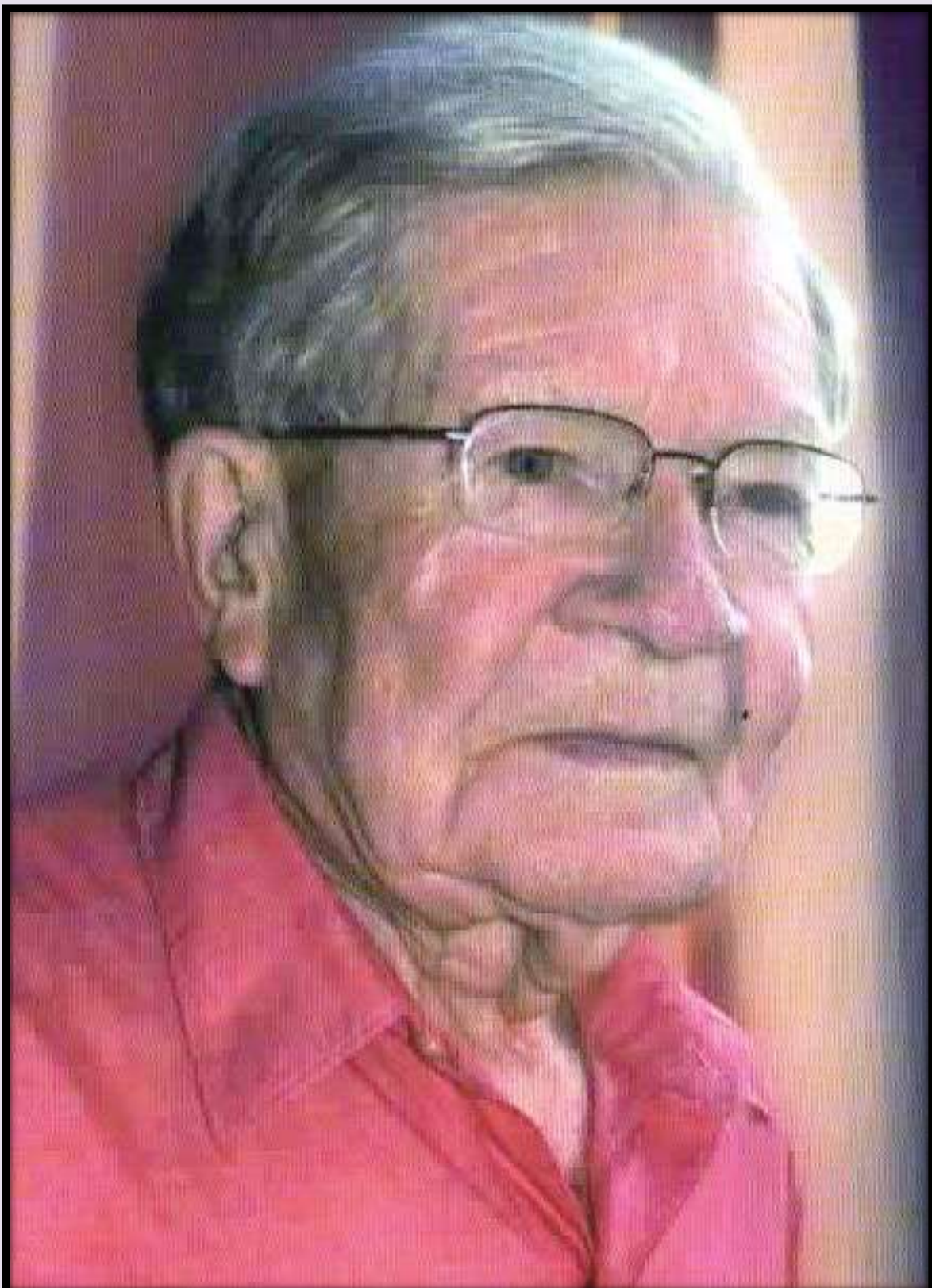
IN MY
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GROWING

BY
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Fred Cogswell, born in East Centerville, New Brunswick, was a prolific poet, translator, editor and scholar and was dubbed "*a Friend of Poets – Amis des Poètes*" for his lifelong commitment to poetry and those who write it. He was the author of 33 books of his own poetry and nine books of poetry translation. He also wrote and published many learned articles and reviews. His poetry was published in magazines, journals, anthologies, and textbooks and has been translated into several languages, including Chinese, Romanian, Spanish, and French.

In 1958 he founded *Fiddlehead Poetry Books*, where he published 307 titles. His publishing house is now one of Canada's more important small press publishers, operating as *Goose Lane Editions*. In addition, Fred Cogswell was a Founding and Life Member of the League of Canadian Poets, a Life Member of both the Association of Canadian Publishers and the Writers' Federation of New Brunswick. Dr. Cogswell was inducted into the Order of Canada in 1981. He spent his final few years in New Westminster.





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Dec 20, 2023

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