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The Makerere University Centennial Poetry Competition

Introduction

Established in 1922, Makerere in the year 2022 will celebrate 100 years of existence. To celebrate this, the Department of Literature, Makerere University sought poetry entries for a competition entitled **The Makerere University Centennial Poetry Competition**. The entries aimed at showing how far Makerere University has come, and its place in teaching, research and community outreach. They also explored the uniqueness of the University, drawing on its history and current state, and show how an interaction between the academy and the community it serves can be fostered for the next a hundred years of Makerere University's existence.

In light of the above, the judges of **The Makerere University Centennial Poetry Competition** received a total of **35 poems**. **Fifteen (15) poems** made it to the longlist. From these, there was a selection of **eight** poems that have made it to the shortlist of the winning poems. These are presented below in no particular order.

Shortlist of Winning Poems

1. A Hundred Years of Makerere
2. River Makerere
3. Your Music Shall Flow On
4. The Hill of Endless Possibilities
5. These Ivory Hearts
6. The Grand Pot
7. The Hill Makerere
8. A Century Young

We would like to thank everyone that participated in this poetry competition. They have given us reason to keep Makerere at the heart of our existence, shining the light for us in the next 100 years of its existence.

These poems will move on to the next and final stage of the competition where the **three (3) top poems** shall be selected. The winning poem, and the runner-up poems shall be announced in due course.

We wish all the participants the best of luck.

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