

**INVITATION TO  
THE PROVERSE AUTUMN RECEPTION 2023**  
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Proverse Hong Kong, Publishers;  
Administrators of the International Proverse Prize for unpublished (book-length) fiction, non-fiction or poetry  
and the International Proverse Poetry Prize (single poems).

You are cordially invited to  
The Proverse Autumn Reception,  
At The Helena May Institute, 35 Garden Road, Hong Kong,  
On Tuesday, 21 November, from 7.00-9.00/9.30pm.

**SCHEDULED TO BE LAUNCHED**  
Irene Vinyard Bennett, *Battle of the Artisans: Making the Bells of Marquis Yi*  
(young adult fiction);  
Flora Qian, *South of the Yangtze* (novel);  
Tegan Smyth, *Mountain Songs* (poetry collection);  
**Launching Authors present (including remotely)**  
**will give brief Introductions to their work.**

Dr Verner Bickley, MBE  
Co-Founder of The International Proverse Prizes  
**WILL ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS OF THE PROVERSE PRIZE 2022,  
THE WINNERS OF THE 2023 PROVERSE POETRY PRIZE,  
and THE SEMI-FINALISTS FOR THE PROVERSE PRIZE 2023.**

**Fee: HKD250.00. Complimentary Canapés. Cash bar.**

**Dress code: semi-formal / smart casual (no denim, shorts, short sleeves, sneakers, hats, caps)**

**Prior registration essential. Early registration advised.**

**Please complete the separate Reply Form / Book Order Form**

**and send it with your cheque by regular mail**

**OR you may send your completed Reply Form as an e-mail attachment,  
with proof of payment by ATM, online bank transfer, PayPal/ credit card.**

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**Sequence of events (w. approx times).**

**7.00pm-7.30pm:** Complimentary Canapés and Cash Bar; Book collection / Book purchase, Book-signing.

**7.30pm:** Welcome from Proverse Co-Publisher Gillian Bickley. Verner Bickley, Proverse Prizes Co-Founder, announces the Proverse Prize 2022 Winner(s), the Proverse Poetry Prize 2023 Winners and the semi-finalists for the Proverse Prize 2023.

**7.40pm:** Introduction of Proverse Authors with brief talks and readings.  
**8.05-8.50pm:** Complimentary Canapés & Cash Bar, Book collection / Book purchase, Book-signing resume.

**9.00 / 9.30pm sharp:** evening ends.

**HOW TO REACH THE HELENA MAY** (the heritage building on Garden Road, just up from St John's Building and the Peak Tram Station, and opposite the American Consulate). Please NB vehicles cannot stop outside the HM. Take a taxi to the St John's Building and walk up, or to St Joseph's Church and walk down. Buses stop at St John's Cathedral, Garden Road or outside Hong Kong Park on Cotton Tree Drive (then walk under the road through the underpass to the Peak Tram). Or, exit MTR Central Station and walk up the hill. You can also exit at Admiralty MTR and walk along various overhead walkways (allow 20 minutes for this method). *Sketch-map courtesy Errol Patrick Hugh, Author of "A Personal Journey through Sketching", Proverse, November 2009.*