

**INVITATION TO  
THE PROVERSE SPRING RECEPTION 2024**

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Administrators of the International Proverse Prize for unpublished (book-length) fiction, non-fiction or poetry  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);  
Writers; Editing, Literary and Research Agency.

You are cordially invited to  
The Proverse Spring Reception,  
At the Blue Room, The Helena May Institute, 35 Garden Road, Hong Kong,  
On Thursday, 25 April, from 7.00-9.00pm.

**BOOK(S) SCHEDULED TO BE LAUNCHED INCLUDE**  
*Mingled Voices 8: The International Proverse Poetry Prize (single poems) Anthology, 2023.*

SELECTED POETS published in the 2023 Poetry Prize Anthology will read their poem(s),  
including poets present and (by video) poets overseas.

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

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

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

**Prior registration essential. 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 / Book Order Form as an e-mail attachment,  
with proof of payment by ATM, online bank transfer, PayPal/ credit card.**

Enquiries: [info@proversepublishing.com](mailto:info@proversepublishing.com), subject line "Proverse Spring Reception 2024".



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 Finalists for the Proverse Prize 2023 and presents the 2023 Proverse Poetry Prize awards.

**7.40pm:** Readings and Introduction of Proverse Authors **8.15-8.50pm:** Cash Bar, Book collection / Book purchase, Book-signing resume. **9.00pm 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.*