Peach Contributor Agreement

Susan Atefat Editors' Prize Winner

The Literary Journal of Georgia College & State University

This Contributor Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into between *Peach*, the literary journal of Georgia College ("*Peach*"), and the Contributor identified below.

Contributor Name: _____

Title of Work: _____

Genre: ☐ Poetry ☐ Prose

1. Grant of Rights

By signing this Agreement, the Contributor grants *Peach* the non-exclusive right to publish the work identified above in print and online, and to promote it across *Peach*-affiliated platforms, including the *Peach* website, podcast, written interview series, and verified social media accounts, together with perpetual archival rights for online versions.

This permission covers standard publicity, marketing, and archival uses directly related to *Peach*. All other rights remain with the Contributor.

Peach may make minor editorial changes for style, grammar, or formatting, provided they do not alter the meaning or intent of the work.

2. Attribution

If the work is later reprinted or republished elsewhere, in any format, the Contributor agrees to include the following credit: "First published in *Peach*, Issue No. [#]."

3. Promotion and Features

By signing this Agreement, the Contributor consents to *Peach*'s use of their name, biographical information, and reasonable excerpts of the work for general promotion in print and online, including social media.

Contributors may also be invited to take part in the annual *Peach* podcast or written interview feature. Participation is optional and arranged after acceptance.

4. Proofs and Revisions

Contributors will receive page proofs before publication to review typographical and factual accuracy. Proofs should be returned within ten (10) days of receipt.

Only corrections to typographical or factual errors are permitted. Rewrites (substantive changes to content, phrasing, or structure) cannot be accommodated at the proof stage.

5. Contributor Payment

Contributors are compensated as follows: poetry contributors receive $50 per poem; prose contributors receive $10 per printed page, up to a maximum of $150 (prose up to 2,500 words). All contributors receive two complimentary copies of the issue in which their work appears.

Because *Peach* is administered through Georgia College, payment is processed using university financial procedures. After acceptance, the Contributor will receive instructions from the *Peach* Administrative

Assistant and a separate email from USG Shared Services (vendor_registration@usg.edu) to complete vendor registration, set up direct deposit, and submit a W-9 or equivalent taxpayer form.

Please return these documents within ten (10) days of receipt so that payment can be processed promptly. Late return may delay payment.

Payment is issued following publication and receipt of the required university financial documentation.

5A. Prize Recipient Terms

The Susan Atefat Editors' Prize is a $4,000 (USD) award funded through the Georgia College Foundation. The prize recipient receives this one-time award in recognition of literary excellence. The award is the full payment for the work and replaces the contributor payment described in Section 5.

Because this award is funded through the Foundation rather than the *Peach* operating account, it is disbursed through a separate process. Payment follows publication and the recipient's submission of a W-9 (or equivalent taxpayer form) for the Foundation award. This award does not alter the rights, permissions, or obligations set out elsewhere in this Agreement.

6. Return of This Agreement; Termination

This signed Agreement should be returned within ten (10) days of receipt. Late return may delay publication.

Either party may terminate this Agreement before publication, upon written notice, if the other party materially breaches its terms. Upon termination, all rights revert to the Contributor and no payment is due.

7. Representation and Warranty

The Contributor affirms that the work is original to the Contributor and does not infringe any copyright or other third-party right.

The Contributor further affirms that the work has not been previously published in print or online and is not under simultaneous consideration by another publication as of the date of signing. Brief prior public readings or recordings of the work do not constitute prior publication for purposes of this Agreement.

8. Indemnification

The Contributor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless *Peach* and Georgia College against third-party claims, damages, or reasonable expenses that arise directly from a breach of the Contributor's warranties in Section 7 (originality and non-infringement).

This obligation is limited to such claims and does not extend to losses arising from *Peach*'s own acts, omissions, or editorial decisions.

9. Governing Terms

This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Georgia.

This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the Contributor and *Peach* regarding the work. If any provision is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions continue in full force and effect.

Electronic signatures and scanned copies are valid and binding. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts.

Contributor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Managing Editor, *Peach*: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____