



BEAT THE DUST TV (BTD TV)

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

BTD TV is a space for writers to add an audio-visual dimension to their work. It is a place that brings together the best poetry and prose from across the world performed, interpreted or discussed by writers on video.

As a general guide, **BTD TV** is interested in showing the following kinds of videos:

- Poetry and fiction being performed in some way;
- Short films to accompany a poem or piece of flash fiction, which will appear beneath the video player;
- Interviews with writers talking about their work;
- Fun, quirky, dare we say arty promo-type clips e.g. to highlight the publication of a new book.

Frankly though, we're open to pretty much anything (except 'Debbie Does Dallas' and the like obviously, ha ha!) so send us your best stuff. **Beat the Dust** is about inventive, hard-hitting, intelligent, honest, emotive, thought-provoking writing with 'kiss my shades!' attitude and if it or the video involves some kind of contradiction or breaks a rule in some way, fantastic.

Now, down to the specifics:

- Your video submission will ideally be less than 20 minutes long and will not have been aired anywhere else. If it has, let us know when and where so we can factor this into our decision-making.
- Any writing you'd like to accompany a short film can either be a poem or a piece of flash fiction around 500 words.
- To submit your video and any accompanying writing, please use the Submit a Video link at www.melissamann.com/submit-a-video.asp. Here you will be asked to complete a form, which should be self-explanatory. In case it isn't, here's a brief description of some of the more technical terms:

- The embed link is the link provided by YouTube, which allows you to embed the video into another website. It is usually in the format as follows:

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<object width="425" height="355"><param name="movie"
value="http://www.youtube.com/v/KNaJ9WS5nCc&hl=en"></param><param name="wmode"
value="transparent"></param><embed src="http://www.youtube.com/v/KNaJ9WS5nCc&hl=en"
type="application/x-shockwave-flash" wmode="transparent" width="425"
height="355"></embed></object>
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- The URL is the URL (or web address) of the page on YouTube that shows the video. It is not a link to the video itself and is usually in the following format:

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=KNaJ9WS5nCc>

- You will need to provide both the embed link and the URL to be able to submit a video successfully.
- Please use the description box to explain in just a few sentences any background info on the video it might be useful for the viewer to know. You can also use this box to tell us if your video has been shown elsewhere and if so, when and where.

Beat the Dust aims to acknowledge receipt of your video submission as soon as it hits the inbox. We will then try and get back to you with a yey or a nay within the week. If your submission fits the bill, it will go on the site straight away.

All material featured at **BTD TV** remains the exclusive property of the author and will not be used or reproduced in any other form without the author's consent. By submitting to **BTD TV** you are giving your consent for your video to appear on the site.

BTD TV is unable to pay writers for their work but hopefully the sheer joy of getting your words and pictures out to the world will be more than enough recompense.