



**Call for Submissions: *Iris*: New Writing for LGBTQ+ Young Adults
Issue 3: Change**

Iris, a quarterly magazine of new writing for LGBTQ+ young adults, invites submissions of fiction, poetry, and artwork on the theme 'change' for its third issue.

We publish exceptional writing that engages with LGBTQ+ themes and characters. For this, our first issue to accept submissions from young authors, we seek pieces that engage with the concept of 'change.' Our readers, primarily young adults in high school, often find that summers are as much a time of change and rapid growth as they are of rest. As always, we try to choose a theme which lends itself to broad interpretation: our editorial team looks forward to submissions that explore the many aspects of change, from the political to the personal, from the surprisingly swift to the persistently slow. It has always been our goal to publish emerging writers alongside established ones, and we look forward to submissions from young voices.

Iris welcomes work in all genres. Poets may submit text and visual poems, and *Iris* also accepts digital and scanned artwork. Work submitted to *Iris* must comply with our content policy. Please read our submissions guidelines as our policy has changed in response to reader feedback. Full guidelines for submission, including specifications for art and visual poetry, are available at creatingiris.org/submissions.

Our submissions window opens on Wednesday, 22 April 2015 and will continue through 26 May 2015. All submissions should be sent as file attachments (PDF preferred; .doc or .docx accepted) to creatingiris@gmail.com. We ask that a standard cover sheet, available from our site, accompany all submissions *in the text of the email*. More information is available at creatingiris.org/submissions. Please note that we will no longer accept submissions through our old submissions manager after 1 May 2015. All submissions are read blind.

Iris is a quarterly magazine for young adults, publishing short fiction, poetry, and art. *Iris* is published by Creating Iris, a not for profit project which supports the visibility of LGBTQ+ themes in YA literature through the publication of the magazine, and which encourages advocacy for LGBTQAI-identified young adults through its web site.

Creating Iris is a labor of love and we regret that we are unable to offer compensation to our contributors (and ourselves, for that matter!). We hope that this will change in the future. In the meantime, we are honored by the marvelous, dedicated staff and the talented, respected artists and writers whose generosity of time and spirit has made *Iris's* existence possible. We firmly believe in the value and necessity of our mission to feature high-quality writing and artwork for a young adult audience, and sincerely hope that you join us by sharing your talent and hard work with us. Please share this call with your friends, colleagues, and students!

Thank you: for supporting *Iris*, spreading the word, and especially for sharing your work!

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