Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival 2013 Haiku Invitational Winners

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL DIOGEN HAIKU POETS!

International

- Sakura Awards

homeless child-
painting a cherry tree
on the bomber

*Rita Odeh*
*Nazareth, Israel*

breaking light -
the pale vibrato
of cherry blossoms

*Makr Miller*
*Shoalhaven Heads, New South Wales*
forgetting
we’ll soon have to part —
cherry blossoms

*Sasa Vazic*
*Batajinica, Serbia*

spring fever . . .
the cherry tree blooming
elsewhere

*Sasa Vazic*
*Batajinica, Serbia*

just for today
the blossom that was
never mine

*Hansa Teki*
*Wellington, New Zealand*

cherry blossom...
the baby-powder scent
of her skin

*Jo Mclnerney*
*Boolarra, Australia*

blossoming cherry -
old mosque courtyard
and a stone catafalque

*Smajil Durmisevic*
*Zenica, Federation of Bosna and Herzegovina*

alzheimer —
she hasn’t forgotten
the cherry blossoms

*Minh-Triết Pham*
*Pairs, France*
cherry blossom
the shape
of their kiss

Andre Surridge
Hamilton, New Zealand

unfolding my mind…
the origami
of spring kanzashi

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Hamilton, New Zealand

• Honourable Mentions

weeping cherry
tiny coffin lowered
into soft ground

Nicky Phillips
Near Stevenage, England

finally Spring
the old Sakura in the backyard
in full bloom

Kristjaan Pannemam
Lelystad, The Netherlands

so this
is how it will end -
cherry blossom

Alan Taylor
Worcester, United Kingdom

stepping back
cherry petals
on the abandoned farm

Owen Bullock
Katikati, Bay of Plenty
cherry blossoms–
the scent bridging
the long river

*Pravat Kumar Padhy*
*Vadodara, India*

widow’s birthday–
no one but the wind bringing
bitter cherry flowers

*Lavana Kray*
*Iasi, Romania*

As a sweet memory
the cherry blossoms
hold the snowfall.

*Eliza Taddei*
*Montpellier, France*