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## Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival 2013 Haiku Invitational Winners

**ISKRENE ČESTKE!**

**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

*Hansha Teki*  
*Wellington, New Zealand*

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

*Jo McInerney*  
*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-Triêt Pham*  
*Pairs, France*

cherry blossom  
the shape  
of their kiss

*Andre Surridge  
Hamilton, New Zealand*

unfolding my mind...  
the origami  
of spring kanzashi

*Andre Surridge  
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*