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**Deadline Approaches for Killer Nashville's Claymore Award:  
Win Prizes, Prestige, and a Chance at Publication**

June 1, 2013 is the last chance for writers to submit their unpublished manuscripts to Killer Nashville's 2013 Claymore Award contest. The contest offers aspiring authors more than \$1,500 worth of prizes, plus a possible book advance and publication, plus possible agent representation. As a direct result of entering the contest, Jonathan Stone, the author of last year's winning manuscript signed with an agent and landed both a major publishing contract and a movie option.

Judith Daily, a past Claymore Award winner says, "Because of Killer Nashville, I now have a contract with Five Star Press for my cozy, *Animal, Vegetable, Murder*. I couldn't be happier."

Any author may enter (published or not); however, the contest is limited to the first 50 pages of unpublished crime fiction manuscripts not currently under contract. Winners are determined through a blind judging process. Judges will consider any subgenre of mystery, thriller, or suspense. All manuscripts must be postmarked or submitted electronically no later than June 1, 2013.

The winner will be announced at the awards ceremony during the Killer Nashville Guest of Honor dinner on the evening of Saturday, August 24, 2013.

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