



The Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin, Inc.

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Welsh Weekend for All Saturday, May 4, 2024

1:00 Al Ringling Theatre, 136 Fourth Street, Baraboo WI 53913
www.alringling.org
Tour of the historic theater and pipe organ concert

2:30 First Presbyterian Church, 416 Ash Street, Baraboo WI 53913 www.presbybaraboo.com
3:00 Enjoy a tea break and judge the Visual Arts submissions
4:00 before we start the afternoon's activities
4:45 Eisteddfod performances
Presentation by Robert Humphries "Welsh Settlers on the Baraboo River"
Chairing of the bard and other awards

6:00 Al Ringling Brewing Company, 623 Broadway Street, Baraboo WI 53913 www.alringlingbrewing.com
Enjoy pub night at this historic restaurant with a definite circus atmosphere. Danny Proud will lead us in singing all our Welsh favorites. Order your dinner from the pub menu.

Wisconsin State Gymanfa Ganu Sunday, May 5, 2024

9:00 First Presbyterian Church, 416 Ash Street, Baraboo WI 53913
2:30 Worship Service with Communion, led by Rev. Joseph G. Corbin
90th Annual Wisconsin State Gymanfa Ganu
Director: Rev. Joseph Corbin, Organist: Ann Lemmenes; te bach to follow

Sunday, May 5, 2024 90th State Gymanfa Ganu

As part of our Wisconsin Welsh Weekend for All, the 90th Annual Wisconsin State Gymanfa Ganu (Welsh hymn sing) will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 416 Ash Street, Baraboo WI 53913.

This church is conveniently located and fully accessible.

Rev. Joe Corbin is our director, and Ann Lemmenes will accompany on the church's pipe organ.



*First Presbyterian Church,
416 Ash Street, Baraboo*



State Gymanfa Ganu: Our Talented Director

Rev. Joseph G. Corbin. Retired in 2020 after 41 years in church related work, 28 years as an ordained minister, he now serves as a supply pastor, most recently for 2.5 years at First Presbyterian Church Weyauwega, WI.

On Sunday May 5, 9:00 a.m, Joe will preach at the First

Presbyterian Church Baraboo prior to this year's gymanfa.

Joe received his formal training at The University of Wisconsin, School of Music, where he studied vocal performance. He earned a B.A. in Music and a M. Div. degree from The University of Dubuque, Iowa.

Joe is well-known for directing Cymanfaoedd Canu and St. David's Day festivities throughout Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. He has also helped lead many of the late-night informal sings at NAFOW gatherings.

In fall 2024 he will direct in Mankato MN and Oak Hill OH.

Joe serves as a board member on the Welsh North American Association, the Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin and the Peniel Welsh Chapel Association.

2024 Eisteddfod

We welcome your entries for this year's Eisteddfod! The theme for this year is "Circus/Syrcas" or "Circle of Life/Cylch Bywyd." You may submit entries in any of the categories of competition: Visual Arts, Literary Arts, Recitation, and Music. (See **General Rules for Submissions** and **Deadlines for Submissions** below for details.)

- The **Literary Arts** category includes original poems (50 lines or less) and essays (750 words or less).
- The **Visual Arts** category includes, but is not limited to: original paintings, photography, ceramics, textiles, and sculpture.
- The **Recitation** category consists of recitation of the poem "The Circus" delivered in English or "Y Dychweliad" delivered in Welsh, and may be read or memorized. Text will be sent when you register (see Registration below).
- The **Music** category may include voice and/or instrumental on one piece, limited to a maximum of six minutes.

Prizes

All entries are judged on the criteria of how well they capture the theme of "Circus/Syrcas" or "Circle of Life/Cylch Bywyd," the extent to which they incorporate Welsh components, and the quality of the work. Winners are determined by adjudication, except for the Visual Arts category, in which the winner receives the most votes cast by attendees at the weekend.

- The **Literary Arts** winner receives the Bardic Chair, the highest honor.
- The **Visual Arts** winner receives the Crown prize.
- The **Recitation** winner receives the Love Spoon prize.
- The **Music** winner receives the Baton prize.

Winners must be present at the Eisteddfod ceremony on Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church in Baraboo to receive their prizes. The Eisteddfod Committee acknowledges the significant thought, effort, and time that goes into the creation and performance of the submissions, and all entrants will be recognized and thanked for their efforts.

General Rules for Submissions

Competitions will take place late Saturday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church in Baraboo. See **Deadlines for Submissions** below.

- In **Literary Arts** you must submit your entry using a pseudonym (*ffugenw*) rather than your actual name. Entries must be original, created specifically for the Eisteddfod. Poems must be 50 lines or less, in English or Welsh. Essays must be 750 words or less, in English or Welsh.
- **Visual Arts** submissions must be created specifically for this competition, with the theme "Circus/Syrcas" or "Circle of Life/Cylch Bywyd." Media can be paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics, textile items (quilts, fiber crafts, knitting, weavings, etc.), or sculpture. Submit a brief description of how the piece was created and how it is connected to the "Circus/Syrcas" or "Circle of Life/Cylch Bywyd" theme. (See **Deadlines for Submissions** below.)
- **Recitation** performers will deliver the poem "The Circus" in English or "Y Dychweliad" in Welsh, from memory or by reading. Text will be sent to you after you send in your registration (see **Deadlines for Submissions** below). Recitations will be late Saturday afternoon at the church.
- In the **Music** category soloists or groups may sing and/or play instruments. Please send in music in advance if an accompanist is needed (see **Deadlines for Submissions**). Performances will take place during the Eisteddfod on Saturday afternoon.

NOTE: If you wish, you may drop off your Visual Arts entry at the church at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Literary Arts and Visual Arts entries will be displayed on Saturday afternoon and Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church. Winners will be announced during the Eisteddfod Ceremony on Saturday afternoon at the church.

Deadlines for Submissions

Submit Literary Arts entries, Music selections, and Visual Arts descriptions no later than midnight, April 28, 2024 to Bron Wentzel (crawfishcats@netwurx.net). For more information, call Bron (920-988-8090) or Danny Proud (608-212-3793). Recitation competitors are urged to notify Bron of your intention to compete so that copies of the text can reach you beforehand.

About the Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin (WGGAW)

The WGGAW sponsors and conducts the State and Christmas cymanfaoedd which take place at various churches around the state. It also supports and promotes other Welsh events held in Wisconsin. If you are interested in hosting a gymanfa ganu at your church or joining the WGGAW Board, contact Jan Jones Batty, President of WGGAW, at 414-861-2202 or rbatty@wi.rr.com. Learn more about Welsh events at our website: <https://wggaw.org>