

2025 Eisteddfod – Wisconsin Welsh Weekend for All

We welcome your entries for this year's Eisteddfod! The theme for this year is "Come Home Again to Wales." 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 "Poem from Llanybri" by Lynette Roberts delivered in English or "Gwreiddiau" by Jane Edwards delivered in Welsh, and may be read or memorized. Text will be sent when you register for the eisteddfod.
- 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 "Come Home Again to Wales," 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 Jerusalem Presbyterian Church in Wales WI 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 Jerusalem Presbyterian Church in Wales WI. 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 "Come Home Again to Wales." 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 "Come Home Again to Wales" theme. (See Deadlines for Submissions below.)
- **Recitation** performers will deliver "Poem from Llanybri" in English or "Gwreiddiau" in Welsh, from memory or by reading. Text will be sent to you after you send in your eisteddfod registration (see Deadlines for Submissions below). Recitations will be 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 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Literary Arts and Visual Arts entries will be displayed on Saturday afternoon and Sunday at the Jerusalem 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, 2025 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.