



Eisteddfod 2010

Music Competition

To remember Dr. Malcolm Davies
1952 – 2010

Saturday 20th March

International School of The Hague

Artists Assemble at 10.00 in the Conference Room

Wind, String, Voice: 10:15 – 12.30

Compositions, Ensembles and Piano: 13.15 – 16.00





The National Eisteddfod of Wales can be traced back to 1176 when it is said that the first Eisteddfod was held, under the auspices of Lord Rhys, at his castle in Cardigan. There he held a grand gathering to which were invited poets and musicians from all over the country. A chair at the Lord's table was awarded to the best poet and musician, a tradition that prevails in the modern day National Eisteddfod.

Following 1176, many eisteddfodau were held throughout Wales, under the patronage of Welsh gentry and noblemen. At the beginning of the nineteenth century, an Eisteddfod of historical significance was held at the Ivy Bush Inn in Carmarthen, when the Gorsedd of Bards first became officially associated with this national event. By this time, the Eisteddfod had developed in to a fully-fledged folk festival on a large scale.

In 1880, the National Eisteddfod association was formed and charged with the responsibility of staging an annual festival to be held in North and South Wales alternately, and with the exception of 1914 and 1940, this target has been successfully achieved.

This year we remember Dr. Malcolm Davies who sadly passed away on Tuesday 9th February 2010. Pupils will be able to compete in various categories alone and in groups. To continue Malcolm's legacy, winners will be awarded medals and a cup for the best performer. Each competitor will also receive a written assessment of their performance and Certificate.

There will be no set pieces and the accent will *not* be on how difficult the music is but how *beautifully* it is played. There is also a composition category.

We hope to honour the memory of Malcolm on this day and that the festival will be a creative, stimulating and enjoyable event, just as he would have loved.

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