

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS, SINGERS, ACTORS AND DANCERS!

The programme for the Abergavenny Eisteddfod, which takes place on June 16 this year, has been announced.

Aspiring singers, musicians, dancers and actors are invited to compete in the primary, secondary and adult categories. Finalists perform on stage in King Henry VIII School or the Abergavenny Borough Theatre, and there are medals for the younger children and cash prizes of up to £250 for the adult entrants.

"The Eisteddfod gives young people a chance to perform on stage in front of a friendly audience" said Ceri Thomas, Abergavenny Eisteddfod Chairman. "Many of Wales's singing and acting stars, including Bryn Terfel and Ioan Gruffydd, started their performing careers on an Eisteddfod stage. Who knows, maybe we'll be seeing stars of the future on our Abergavenny stages in June this year!"

Competition categories include traditional, classical and jazz music, folk and disco dancing and recitations from plays or poems. They can be performed in Welsh or English, and there are special categories for Welsh learners.

Children and young people come to compete in Abergavenny each year from the whole of Monmouthshire and neighbouring counties, and adults enter from all over Wales and England.

Further details and entry forms can be found on the Eisteddfod's website - www.abergavennyeisteddfod.co.uk. Entries can be made online, through schools or by contacting Chris Watson (01873 853894) or Ceri Thomas (01873 850379).