

ABERGAVENNY EISTEDDFOD 2005 – ENTRIES INVITED

Entries are being invited for the fourth annual Abergavenny Eisteddfod, to be held on 18 June. There are stage and literature competitions for children and adults of all ages, as well as art competitions for children.

By popular request, the primary school competitions this year include one for instrumental duets or trios, in addition to the regular instrumental ensemble. In all, there are 21 competitions for the stage and four art and literature competitions. “We had over 100 competitors for the stage competitions alone last year” said Eisteddfod Secretary Doug Edwards, “and we’re hoping for even more this time round.”

New opportunities for secondary school pupils include jazz instrumental competitions for solo performers and groups, alongside the classical and rock music competitions. The jazz competitions will be judged by Stuart Corbett, the London College of Music’s Senior Jazz Examiner, whose comments and advice are sure to be extremely valuable for budding jazz stars.

The four best performers from the secondary school Eisteddfod will receive special prizes and will be invited to perform in the evening on the stage of the Borough Theatre, alongside the adult competitors. Last year’s adult Eisteddfod was likened to a concert by many people who attended, the quality of the singers from all over Wales was so high.

Entry forms for the Eisteddfod can be obtained from Ceri Thomas, Eisteddfod Chairman, by e-mail on ceri-thomas@lineone.net, or telephone 01873 850379 or by telephone from Doug Edwards, Eisteddfod Secretary and Treasurer, on 01873 855161. The closing date for entries this year is 18 May.

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