

ABERGAVENNY EISTEDDFOD 18 JUNE 2005 - One month to go!

This year's Abergavenny Eisteddfod is just over a month away and entries are invited for a whole range of musical, literary, art and dance competitions for children and adults. "But you'll have to be quick if you want to enter," said Eisteddfod Chairman Ceri Thomas, "The closing date for entries is 18 May, and the Eisteddfod itself takes place on 18 June."

Following last year's success, the adult Eisteddfod will again take place in the Borough Theatre. The Theatre proved a lovely venue for the classical singers – some semi-professional – who delighted the audience with a range of operatic arias and traditional Welsh songs.

This year, two new competitions have been introduced: Song from a Musical and Instrumental Solo under 25, sponsored by the Lady Llanover Society. There is also the popular Under 25 Solo, supported by Abergavenny Music, the Welsh Solo, and The Rotary Club of Abergavenny's Champion Solo. The Champion Solo offers a top prize of £250, with £100 as the top prize for all other competitions.

Another innovation is a new opportunity for secondary school competitors, introduced as a result of advice from some of last year's young musicians. The four best performers from the secondary school Eisteddfod during the afternoon of June 18 will be invited to perform in the evening on the stage of the Borough Theatre, alongside the adult competitors.

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.

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