

## **LAUNCH OF NEW COMPETITIONS FOR ABERGAVENNY EISTEDDFOD 2010**

### **Closing date for entries 22 May 2010**

A number of new competitions have been announced for this year's Abergavenny Eisteddfod, which takes place on Saturday June 19.

For the first time, youngsters under 11 are invited to "come dancing," performing any style of dancing as a solo or in a couple – it could be ballet, ballroom dancing or disco – in addition to the group disco and folk dancing competitions.

New competitions for young people aged 11-18 include the chance to show off their scriptwriting and acting skills, by creating and performing a 5 minute sketch on stage at King Henry VIII school during the Saturday afternoon. There are also open instrumental solos for this age group and a keyboard competition, in addition to the classical piano competitions.

Last year's new competition for adult choirs with between 10 and 30 singers was a great success, and Eisteddfod organisers are expecting entries from local singing groups as well as choirs from all over south Wales this year. Young adults under 25 years of age can compete in instrumental and vocal competitions, and many also choose to enter the popular open competition "Song from a Musical".

Visitors are welcome to the preliminary competitions and the finals. A full day's competitions takes place for youngsters up to age 18 at King Henry VIII School. Adults compete during the day at the Methodist Chapel in Castle Street, Abergavenny, and finalists only take to the stage for the Gala Concert at the Borough Theatre in the evening.

More information about the competitions, how to compete and how to buy tickets, is available on the Event Details pages of the website.

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