

# NORTH AMERICAN FESTIVAL OF WALES

## “CÂN O GYMRU” – VIRTUAL COMPETITIONS FOR YOUTH SOLO VOICE – ST. DAVID’S DAY WEEKEND 2021

- Two new youth singing competitions, to be held virtually for St. David’s Day Weekend 2021, invite submissions in these categories: **Ages 12-16** and **Ages 7-11**. Each competition offers 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> prizes (£100 - £50 - £25 for UK entrants, otherwise paid out in the local currency equivalent), jointly sponsored by the Welsh North American Association (WNAA) and Undeb Cymru A’r Byd (Wales International).
- Each entrant’s age is determined as of February 27, 2021, and there are no geographic restrictions for entering either competition.
- For both competitions, each entrant will submit a performance video (created in 2021) within the following guidelines:
  - A single song in Welsh, of any genre.
  - The song must be no more than three minutes in length.
  - Live music accompaniment is permitted, on a single instrument, by an accompanist or the singer him/herself. Accompaniment via pre-recorded music is not permitted.
  - Singing without musical accompaniment (*a capella*) is permitted.
- **Submissions which do not conform the above guidelines will be disqualified.**
- Entrants will submit their performance videos within a **strictly limited, 24-hour window** defined as follows:
  - **Friday, February 19, 2021, between 12:00 Midnight and 11:59 PM Eastern Time (US/Canada).**
  - **For entrants in the UK**, the 24-hour window thus starts at 5:00 AM on February 19, 2021, and ends at 4:59 AM on Saturday, February 20, 2021.
  - **Entrants in other time zones** will determine their 24-hour window based on the above.
- The adjudication panel for these competitions (Catrin “Toffoc” Jones, Edward Morus Jones and Mary Jones McGuyer) will:
  - review all entries that arrive within the above-noted 24-hour window;
  - select up to 10 entries from each competition for a final round of review; and
  - adjudicate the top three prize winners for each competition.
- The winning entries will be announced and posted at the North American Festival of Wales (NAFOW) website, [www.nafow.org](http://www.nafow.org), on February 27, 2021.
- To enter the competitions, please click on the appropriate one of the “entry form” links (**which will be active within the noted 24-hour window**) at the competition webpage (<http://festivalofwales.org/gan-o-gymru---eisteddfod-competition.html>).
- The link will lead to an online form where each entrant is asked to do the following:
  - Provide his/her name, age and contact information (including a valid email address).
  - Click “Submit” to receive a confirmation email which includes a Dropbox link, for the category being entered (Ages 12-16 or Ages 7-11). Then, the entrant will copy/upload his/her video into Dropbox. A Dropbox submission receipt will then be e-mailed to the entrant automatically.
  - **It is the responsibility of the entrant (or someone acting on their behalf) to ensure that the above steps are carried out correctly, and fully within the noted 24-hour window.**

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- **QUESTIONS?** For more information and queries regarding these competitions, please contact the NAFOW Eisteddfod Committee (Tel: +1-412-215-9161, Email: [eisteddfod@nafow.org](mailto:eisteddfod@nafow.org)).