

Our Festival Hotel

DoubleTree by Hilton

Philadelphia City Center
237 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107



Room rate: \$129/night.

Book on nafow.org, or call 1-800-222-8733 using group name *North American Festival of Wales*.

Parking: \$25 per night.

Booking available now.

North American Festival of Wales Ticket Pricing: Day passes and evening events are priced à la carte so that you may attend the events that interest you. Day passes are good for activities from 9am–5pm. Become a member and save!

- WNAA member 3-day pass: \$60
- Non-member 3-day pass: \$70
- Single-day passes (Fri., Sat., Sun.): \$20/\$25
- Youth (under 18) daytime admission: free
- Thursday Opening Concert: \$30
- Friday NAWF Awards Banquet and Entertainment: \$70
- Saturday Grand Concert: \$40–\$50
- Saturday Grand Concert Youth: \$10
- Additional group dinners: from \$50

Evening concert tickets and day passes go on sale on March 1, 2022. Consult www.nafow.org for the latest information, to purchase tickets, and learn how to register for the festival.

**We promise you a Welsh experience
you won't soon forget.**

So Much In Philadelphia!

Philadelphia welcomes you to the birthplace of the United States! History buffs won't want to miss the new Museum of the American Revolution, featuring George Washington's original campaign tent, or the Constitution Center, which focuses on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

If this is your first visit, don't leave "Philly" without a visit to the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and other attractions at Independence National Park. Pay your respects to America's Founding Fathers at Christ Church, where many worshipped and are buried.

Head to South Philadelphia to bite into a real Philly cheesesteak, then burn some calories by running up the "Rocky" steps at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Don't miss the Museum's world-class collection and visit the Barnes and Rodin Museums located along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Science enthusiasts strolling the Parkway won't want to miss the Franklin Institute, the Academy of Natural Sciences or the nearby Mutter Museum. Following these visual feasts, pop into the Reading Terminal Market for global culinary offerings. Gourmands may also wish to book a reservation at one of Philadelphia's fine restaurants. Croeso!

The Welsh North American Association

is the largest Welsh cultural organization in North America. Each year, WNAA volunteers across the U.S., Canada and Wales organize the North American Festival of Wales to bring you a quality program that celebrates Wales.

This is a great time to become a member of the Welsh North American Association. WNAA members receive a quarterly newsletter and discounted festival passes and help support and preserve Welsh heritage in North America. For more information, contact:

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North American Festival of Wales
Gŵyl Cymru Gogledd America

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
September 1–4, 2022

*Featuring the 90th
National Gymanfa Ganu*

**Sponsored by the
Welsh North American Association**
**Hosted by the
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**North America's Largest Gathering
of the Welsh and Friends**
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The North American Festival of Wales

In 1929, more than 4,000 people gathered at Niagara Falls for the first National Gymanfa Ganu. This became the largest gathering of the Welsh, descendants and friends in North America. The Festival is held in a different location in the U.S. or Canada each year over the shared Labor Day holiday weekend. Prepare yourself for four full days of song, merriment, and camaraderie with old and new friends, celebrating the life, heritage, and culture of Wales in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Festival Highlights

- Thursday NAFOW Opening Ceremony
Marketplace & Tea Room
Opening Concert
- Friday Seminars & Cinema Wales
Marketplace & Tea Room
Grand Banquet & NAWF Award Ceremony
- Saturday Eisteddfod (music and poetry competition)
& Eisteddfod Winners Concert
Seminars & Cinema Wales
Marketplace & Tea Room
Grand Concert ~ *Eschoir*
- Sunday Bilingual Church Service
90th National Gymanfa Ganu

Opening Concert

This will be the Centenary Concert of Urdd Gobaith Cymru, featuring some of the finest young talent from Wales.



Special Guests from Wales



Tenor **Dafydd Jones** has earned accolades at competitions throughout Wales, including the Osborne Roberts Memorial Prize at the National Eisteddfod of Wales. We also welcome the

return of award-winning baritone **John Ieuan Jones** who last joined us at the 2018 NAFOW in Alexandria.



Grand Banquet and NAWF Awards Ceremony

The North America Wales Foundation (NAWF) was established in 1980 to preserve, share, and promote the common culture and traditions of Wales and North America. In 2022, the foundation presents their 33rd Heritage Medallion Award to **Edward Morus Jones**.



Grand Concert – Eschoir



Eschoir is a Welsh male choir based in London. The choir formed in 2009 at the Borough Welsh Chapel near London Bridge with the aim of encouraging the male choir tradition among younger men, as well as creating a home-from-home in the busy city. They have sung for the British Prime Minister at 10 Downing St.; at the British Embassy in Tbilisi, Georgia; and for the Archbishop of Canterbury's retirement reception at Lambeth Palace. Eschoir has shared the stage with pop artists Katie Melua, Cerys Matthews and Super Furry Animals, and have appeared on popular UK TV programmes as well as Welsh tourism adverts. The choir supports the London Welsh community by singing at charity events as well as weddings and funerals.



Conductor **Mike Williams** comes from Port Talbot and graduated from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Before moving to London, Mike was a conductor of three Cardiff choirs and an accompanist to the Morrison Orpheus Choir. Mike formed

Eschoir with the support of Dr. Haydn James, and also formed a Welsh women's choir (Côr Merched Cymry Llundain) and mixed choir (Côr y Boro), which continue to gain success at Eisteddfodau.

Other Festival Activities

Eisteddfod ~ We encourage you to participate in this time-honored tradition. All ages and skill levels are welcome to enter the competition and show off their talents in singing and recitation, plus solo musical instrument and hymn composition. Entry forms available in March 2022.

Seminars ~ Enjoy speakers from Wales and North America and learn more about Welsh language, music, films, customs, and contemporary issues in Wales.

Marketplace & Tea Room ~ Purchase Welsh souvenirs and speak to representatives of Welsh groups in the Marketplace. Then, meet friends for a cup of tea and Welsh cakes in the Tea Room.

90th Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu ~ Enjoy this "song gathering" on Sunday afternoon and evening, with congregational hymn singing in both Welsh and English, continuing the tradition started in 1929. This year's National Gymanfa Ganu will be under the direction of Mike Williams, accompanied by acclaimed New York organist David Enlow.



Affiliated Welsh Organizations Roundtable ~ This annual meeting is your opportunity to meet representatives from other Welsh organizations.

Informal Singing ~ Finish every memorable evening singing Welsh hymns and old favorites. Come join a Welsh noson lawen (merry evening) on the last night.

Begin or end your holiday by visiting Independence National Park, home to Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, the National Constitution Center, Independence Mall, and more.

Complement your visit with group tours to the Welsh Barony; homes along the Philadelphia Main Line, with stops at Bryn Mawr, Haverford, Ardmore, Radnor and Tredyffrin; Valley Forge National Historic Park; and lunch at the Merion Cricket Club.

For further details about the North American Festival of Wales, visit www.nafow.org.