

## Our Festival Hotel is

### DoubleTree by Hilton

Philadelphia City Center  
237 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19107



Room rate: \$129/night.

Book on [nafow.org](http://nafow.org), or call 1-800-222-8733 using group name *North American Festival of Wales*.

Parking: \$25 overnight.

Booking available Sept. 8, 2019.

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) day-time admission is free
- Youth evening concert ticket: \$10
- Thursday Opening concert: \$30
- Friday NAWF Awards Banquet and Entertainment: \$70
- Saturday Grand Concert: \$40–50
- Additional group dinners available from \$50

Evening concert tickets and Day-Passes go on sale on March 1, 2020. Read full up-to-date details and purchase tickets or print mail-in forms at [www.nafow.org](http://www.nafow.org).

**We promise you a Welsh experience that will not soon be forgotten.**

## SO MUCH IN PHILADELPHIA!

Philadelphia waits to welcome you and NAFOW to the birthplace of the United States! If history is your interest, you won't want to miss the new Museum of the American Revolution, featuring George Washington's original campaign tent, or the Constitution Center, which focusses on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. If this is your first visit, don't leave "Philly" without seeing the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, and other attractions at Independence National Park. Christ Church and its burial ground may be of special interest; many Founding Fathers worshiped and are buried there, including Robert Morris. Head to South Philadelphia to bite into a real Philly cheesesteak, then lose those calories in a run up the "Rocky" steps to the Art Museum. Be sure to view the Museum's world-class collection, and visit the Barnes (reservations suggested), and Rodin Museums located in buildings along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Science buffs strolling the Parkway won't want to miss the Franklin Institute, the Academy of Natural Sciences, or the Mutter Museum. Following these visual feasts, pop into the Reading Terminal Market for food of every ethnic variety. Gourmands may wish to book a reservation at one or more of Philadelphia's fine restaurants. Croeso!

**The Welsh North American Association** is the largest Welsh cultural organization in North America. The North American Festival of Wales is organized by WNAA volunteers from across the U.S., Canada, and Wales, members who pool their time and talents to bring you a quality program each year.

If you are not currently a member of the Welsh North American Association, this is a good time to join. WNAA members receive a quarterly newsletter and discounted Festival Passes, and help support and preserve Welsh heritage in North America. For further assistance contact:

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## North American Festival of Wales Gŵyl Cymru Gogledd America



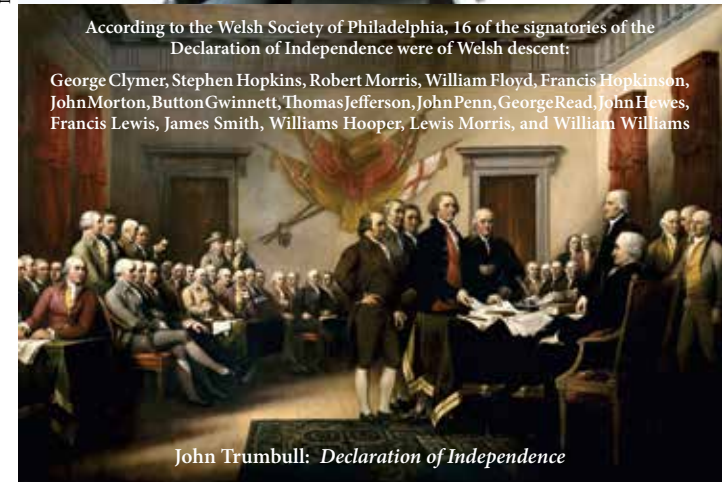
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
September 3–6, 2020

Featuring the 89th  
National Gymanfa Ganu

Liberty Bell: J. Sterling Ruth for Visit Philadelphia

According to the Welsh Society of Philadelphia, 16 of the signatories of the Declaration of Independence were of Welsh descent:

George Clymer, Stephen Hopkins, Robert Morris, William Floyd, Francis Hopkinson, John Morton, Button Gwinnett, Thomas Jefferson, John Penn, George Read, John Hewes, Francis Lewis, James Smith, Williams Hooper, Lewis Morris, and William Williams



John Trumbull: *Declaration of Independence*

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## The North American Festival of Wales

The tradition began in 1929 when over 4,000 people gathered at Niagara Falls for the first National Gymanfa Ganu. It became the largest gathering of the Welsh, descendants, and friends in North America. The festival is held in a different location each year, in either the U.S. or Canada, on 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 Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

## Festival Highlights

- Thursday NAFOW Opening Ceremony  
Marketplace & Tea Room  
Opening Concert ~ *Huw Chiswell* with *Hogia'r Bonc*
- Friday Seminars & Cinema Wales  
Marketplace & Tea Room  
Grand Banquet & NAWF Award Ceremony, with entertainment by the National Eisteddfod winner
- Saturday Eisteddfod (music and poetry competition) & Eisteddfod Winners Concert  
Seminars & Cinema Wales  
Marketplace & Tea Room  
Grand Concert ~ *Côr y Penrhyn* with *John Ieuan Jones*
- Sunday Bilingual Church Service  
89th National Gymanfa Ganu

### Huw Chiswell & Hogia'r Bonc

**Opening Concert** ~ **Huw Chiswell**, Welsh musician and actor from Swansea Valley, opens the festival. Appearing with Huw will be **Hogia'r Bonc**, 10 members of Côr y Penrhyn who have entertained audiences in Wales for over 20 years. Their repertoire contains traditional Welsh folk songs along with more

contemporary music and alternative versions of well known Welsh hymns, to the accompaniment of an acoustic and bass guitar.



Huw Chiswell, BBC



## Our Headline Performers

### Welsh National Eisteddfod Winner

**NAWF Awards Banquet Entertainment** ~ Presentation of the 2020 National Welsh American Foundation Award winner and a performance by the 2019 Welsh National Eisteddfod Blue Riband winner.

### Côr y Penrhyn



**Grand Concert** ~ **Côr y Penrhyn** has its roots in the slate quarrying village of Bethesda in the Ogwen Valley, originally formed by workers from the mighty Penrhyn Slate Quarry. Their members these days come from all walks of life including schoolteachers, local government officials, farmers and businessmen. They are one of the busiest choirs in Wales, with around 30 concerts a year. They have travelled extensively internationally, and previously sang at the North American Festival of Wales in 2015 in Columbus, Ohio.

The choir are very fortunate to have a very talented Musical Director, Owain Arwel Davies, an accomplished accompanist, Francis Davies, and a talented and enthusiastic young Assistant Conductor, Caleb Rhys Jones.



Owain Arwel Davies

### John Ieuan Jones

**Grand Concert** ~ Joining Côr y Penrhyn will be guest soloist **John Ieuan Jones**, a Welsh baritone from the coastal town of Rhos-on-Sea, North Wales. Ieuan's rich and versatile voice has made him a popular and in-demand concert singer. He last entertained us at the Grand Banquet in Alexandria in 2018.

John Ieuan Jones



## Other Festival Activities

**Eisteddfod** ~ We encourage you to participate in this time-honored tradition; enter the competition and show off your talents. Competitions in singing and recitation, for all ages and skill levels, plus solo musical instrument and hymn composition. Entry forms available March 2020.

**Seminars** ~ We have speakers from Wales and North America on topics including Welsh language, music, films, customs, and contemporary issues in Wales today.

**Marketplace & Tea Room** ~ Buy Welsh souvenirs and speak to representatives of Welsh groups in the Marketplace; meet friends for a cup of tea and Welsh cakes in the Tea Room.

**89th Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu** ~ Literally a "song gathering" held Sunday afternoon and evening, congregational hymn singing in both Welsh and English. Continuing the tradition started in 1929, the National Gymanfa Ganu this year will be under the direction of Owen Arwel Davies, with acclaimed New York organist David Enlow as accompanist.



**Affiliated Welsh Organization Roundtable** ~ This annual meeting is your chance to meet with other local Welsh representatives.

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

**Start or finish** your holiday with one of our special tours. **Tour 1:** See Independence National Park including Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, the National Constitution Museum, Independence Mall and more.

**Tour 2:** A visit to the Welsh Barony, the Mainline of Philadelphia, visiting Bryn Mawr, Haverford, Ardmore, Radnor, Tredyffrin, the beautiful homes of the Mainline area, the Valley Forge battlefield and Chapel and lunch at the Merion Cricket Club.

For further details about the North American Festival of Wales, visit [www.nafow.org](http://www.nafow.org).