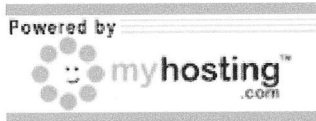


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From: Lynn Owens-Whalen <lowens-whalen@...>
To: Ellis Jones <ellis@...>
Subject: Re: Centenary of the death of Dr Joseph Parry
Date: Sat, 08 Feb 2003 09:41:18 -0800

Thanks. I also got some information off the internet. Will send you a copy of what I send.
Lynn

Ellis Jones wrote:

> Lynn:
>
> Here is a note sent to Alan and me just this day.
>
> It would seem to me most appropriate to have a letter (or email) from you to be read as she indicated. In the official hymnal of the WNGGA are seven of his hymn tunes-- Aberystwyth (#17), Dies Irae (#43), Aberteifi (#48), Sirioldeb (#52), Blaen-Y-Coed (#59), Y Milwr Bach (#71), and Cor Caersalem (#107). Every National Gymanfa Ganu includes one or more of his hymns because of the beautiful music which accompanies the special message each time.
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> Just some thoughts.....
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> Ellis J.
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> Annwyl Alan ac Ellis
>
> The Welsh Music Guild is organising a ceremony to mark the centenary of the death of the great Welsh composer and music educator, Dr Joseph Parry (1841-1903). This will take place at St Augustine's, Penarth, on Monday afternoon, 17 February 2003 - the date of the centenary itself.
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> A wreath will be laid at Dr Parry's grave in St Augustine's Churchyard followed by a short programme of his music inside the Church. Dr Dulais Rhys, Parry's biographer, will lead the tributes and the whole event is scheduled to be broadcast by Agenda TV during its live afternoon programme P'nawn Da (S4C Digital).
>
> I wonder if you may be willing to send a message of tribute to Dr Parry on behalf of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association? I would gladly arrange for your greetings to be read out as part of the ceremony as well as reproduced in the souvenir programme.
>
> I do hope that you may be interested to salute this seminal figure in Welsh and north American music, and shall very much look forward to hearing from you.
>
> Diolch o galon a chofion cynhesaf o Gymru
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> Rhian
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> Dr Rhian Davies
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Subject: copy of email sent re: Dr. Joseph Parry

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Annwyl Cyfeillion,
I am delighted to send greetings from the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association of North America to the Welsh Music Guild on the occasion of

the centenary of Dr. Joseph Parry's death.
Dr. Parry is truly a legend among Welsh musicians, composers and music educators. His genius as a composer of operas, oratorios, cantatas, piano pieces and hymn tunes has not only endured the century but inspired other musicians to contribute to the rich fabric of Welsh music. Dr. Parry's opera Blodwen (1878), written when he was only 37 years old may very well be the first Welsh opera. Young Welsh musicians

in Aberystwyth, Swansea and Cardiff benefited from his wisdom, talent and expertise as a teacher and this ensured that his work would live on in the musical expressions of younger generations. Perhaps Dr. Parry is best known for his many hymns. At our four day annual North American Festival of Wales, we dedicate our Sunday celebration to a Gymanfa Ganu. Our hymn book includes Aberystwyth, Dies Irae, Aberteifi, Sirolddeb, Blaen-Y-Coed, Y Milwr Bach and Cor Caersalem and at every Gymanfa Ganu one or more of these magnificent hymns are sung. Dr. Parry

always has a special place in our spiritual celebrations in North America.
We wish you the very best as you honour Dr. Joseph Parry on this special

occasion.
Yn Dduffiant,
Lynn Owens-Whalen
President, Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association



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Wednesday, 05 March 2003

Canmlwyddiant marwolaeth Joseph Parry / Joseph Parry Centenary Commemoration

Annwyl Ms. Owens-Whalen,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Welsh Music Guild I would like to express our appreciation that you were able to add your tribute to our programme for the ceremony to mark the centenary of the death of Dr. Joseph Parry at St. Augustine's Church, Penarth, on Monday, 17th February.

The Welsh Music Guild felt that it was important that this occasion should be marked in a fitting way and that we should all acknowledge the debt that music in Wales owes to Joseph Parry. It is a testament to his place in the history of Welsh music and culture that so many people found the time to be able to attend the ceremony and for this the Welsh Music Guild is most grateful.

In addition to our usual programme of work, the Guild plans several other commemorations of Parry this year, including the announcement of the first recipient of our new Joseph Parry Award for services to music education in Wales. This will take place on the composer's birthday, 21 May, and we hope that you will be able to attend the event at which the recipient will be announced. I will write to you again when the details have been finalised.

Diolch yn fawr iawn

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Christopher Painter
Secretary, Welsh Music Guild

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CANMLWYDDIANT MARWOLAETH JOSEPH PARRY
CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF JOSEPH PARRY



Eglwys Sant Awstin, Penarth
St Augustine's Church, Penarth

Chwefror 17 February 2003
2.30pm