



NORTH AMERICAN WELSH CHOIR

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Mari Morgan - Artistic Director and Conductor

An Open Letter To The Welsh Community

Dear Ninnau Readers:

Those who attended the recent North American Festival of Wales in Pittsburgh had the privilege of hearing a performance by the North American Welsh Choir - Côr Cymry Gogledd America. The Choir, which sang in Patagonia last year and is planning other major concerts in North America and elsewhere in each of the next two years, has become extremely important to everyone in the international Welsh community. Information about past and future performances can be found on the choir's website at: <http://www.nawr.com/corcymry>

Not only does the Choir help to perpetuate Welsh culture, but it is a significant representative of "all things Welsh" wherever it sings. Over the 10 years of the Choir's existence (all under the direction of Mari Morgan, this year's recipient of the National Welsh-American Foundation's Welsh Heritage Medallion), the choristers have gladly assumed the financial burden of paying their own expenses to perform. They have also contributed the funds for this 501(c)(3) organization to cover its costs for music, insurance, etc.

To relieve the choristers of part of their financial costs, the North American Welsh Choir Board is launching an Endowment campaign to raise funds to purchase music on an on-going basis and also to maintain the Choir's web site, an important marketing and information venue for the organization.


The Campaign plans to initially raise \$100,000 in the next two years, modest by comparison to most, but vital to the continued success of the Choir. When our initial goal is achieved, approximately \$5,000 (a projected return of 5% on the initial endowment) will be available each year for the goals noted above. Any return beyond 5% will go back into the Endowment to increase its size over time.

I hope you will join us in contributing whatever you can to help ensure that this Choir continues to bring Welsh music to all Americans in the U.S. and Canada as well as represent the North American Welsh Community throughout the world.

We realize the value of flexibility when making contributions. With this in mind, we welcome your support according to whatever timetable works best for you, whether as a lump sum gift, an annual gift during each of the two years of the Campaign, or a lifetime deferred gift or bequest. For the latter, please contact Campaign Chair Dr. Barry Dorsey at corcymry@afineline.org and someone from the Board will arrange to discuss this with you at your convenience. Should you prefer to earmark your contribution, please review the "wish list" on the choir's website at www.nawr.com/corcymry to find out how you can help the Choir fulfill some specific goals.

Please make all checks or money orders made payable to the North American Welsh Choir and sent to: **Côr Cymry, PO Box 1622, Columbia, MO 65205-1622**

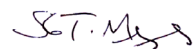
Thank you for your support of the North American Welsh Choir. We hope you will help the Campaign to get off to a great start by doing your part to ensure that this international treasure has sufficient funds to continue to operate in perpetuity. We look forward to your participation in launching this essential Campaign and being a key player on our support team. Thank you for helping this international treasure flourish and ensure that the rich musical heritage of Wales will be expressed across North America and shared with the world.

Sincerely, 

Dr. Barry Dorsey, campaign chair



Dr. Malonne Davies, Board Vice President



Steven T. Meyer, Board Treasurer

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