

# Gwenllian Llyr

## Personal Statement

Throughout my life I have been committed to achieving excellence in all aspects of my professional studies. Over the last few years, I have reaped the reward of my hard work by way of national and international prizes, scholarships and a professional polish to my performances. My aim over the next few years is to hone my performance capabilities as a solo and orchestral artist through further study and regular performing. From September 2011 I will be studying for a Master of Music degree at The Juilliard School in New York, under the guidance of Nancy Allen.

I believe that all of my experiences both professionally and academically have helped me develop into a reliable and conscientious person. As Head Girl of my secondary school Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera, I was entrusted with a role of responsibility and leadership which helped me mature personally and professionally. During my undergraduate years, I have worked as a teacher at festivals, on music courses and privately, which has enhanced my organisational capabilities, as well as my aptitude as a role model for people of all ages. I have travelled to Asia, North America and within Europe to festivals, courses, master-classes and competitions, allowing me to meet musicians and harpists of high-esteem in new environments. I have also performed in stressful and exhausting circumstances, such as televised concerts in major concert halls and international competitions with juries of world-renowned musicians. I am confident that my drive and ambition will allow me to continue to develop as a professional musician, and succeed in all of my future enterprises.

## Personal Information

Date of Birth: 22<sup>nd</sup>/March/1988  
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Occupation: Freelance musician

## Academic Qualifications

Undergraduate: BMus First Class Honours, RWCMD  
A Level: A – Music, Drama German  
AS Level: A – Welsh Language  
B – Religious Studies  
GCSE: A\* – Music, Drama, German, Mathematics, Religious Studies  
A – Welsh Language, Welsh Literature, English Language, English Literature, Science, Art

## Harp teachers:

Isabelle Perrin (2009 – current)  
Caryl Thomas (2003 – current)  
Susan Drake (2002 – 2003)  
Sali Wyn Islwyn (1995 – 2002)

## Musical achievements:

7<sup>th</sup> Prize winner, USA International Harp Competition 2010  
Blue ribbon finalist, 2010, 2008, 2007, 2006  
Welsh Fusiliers Prize for Harp, 2010  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize winner, Camac UK Harp Competition 2010  
Semi-finalist, Netherlands International Harp Competition 2010  
Co-winner, RWCMD Concerto Trials 2010  
Final 6, 17<sup>th</sup> International Harp Contest in Israel, 2009  
Student at Aspen Music Festival School, 2009  
BMus 3 Award, 2009  
Semi-finalist, Cite des Arts Competition, 2008  
Winner of Nansi Richards Scholarship, 2008  
Salvi Scholarship 2008, 2006  
Semi-finalist, Cardiff European Harp Competition, 2007  
Runner-up, Texaco Young Musician of Wales 2007

Recent musical appearances:

Solo recital, Raglan Music Festival, June 2011  
Cerdd-dant accompanying, Eisteddfod yr Urdd, June 2011  
Chamber concert, Hilton Cardiff, May 2011  
Solo appearance, Hindringham Hall, Norwich and the Yorke Trust, Norwich; December 2010  
Solo tour, Stamford, London, Cardiff, Swansea; June 2010  
Solo recital, Cardiff; June 2010  
Concerto appearance, Buckingham Palace; April 2010  
Concerto appearance, St. David's Hall, Cardiff; April 2010  
Concerto appearance, Oriel Weston, Cardiff; February 2010  
Solo appearance, St. David's Cathedral, Pembrokeshire; December 2009  
9 date orchestral tour with Bryn Terfel; November 2009  
Solo recital, Oriel Weston, Cardiff; October 2009  
Concerto appearance, St. George's, Bristol; March 2009

Orchestral affiliations:

Sinfonia Cymru  
Cardiff Philharmonic Orchestra  
Welsh Session Orchestra  
National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain  
National Children's Orchestra

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