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March 1, 1972

Rev. O. Tregelles Williams,  
British Broadcasting Corporation,  
Broadcasting House,  
Llandaff, Cardiff.

Dear Mr. Williams,

I have your letter of November 9, 1971 to Mr. John O. Morgans regarding the possibility of tele-recording a National Gymanfa for showing in Wales, and possibly England and Scotland too.

We are now far enough along to be able to advise you that the 1972 National Gymanfa will be held in Chicago, Illinois on September 1, 2, and 3, 1972.

The Headquarters Hotel for the Festival is the Palmer House Hotel, while the Gymanfa sessions will be held in the World famous Orchestra Hall, just a short distance away.

The Director for the singing Festival will be Miss Frances Williams of New York City, a very popular and well known conductor both in the U. S. and Wales.

The program of events for the week-end will include a Grand Concert on Saturday evening, a Worship Service (In Welsh) on Sunday morning, and the Gymanfa Sessions on Sunday afternoon and evening.

Chicago is a leading Convention City and has much to offer Gymanfa guests and visitors. We anticipate a large and enthusiastic attendance.

There will be a Gymanfa in Swansea, Wales in 1974 and in New York City in 1975. St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada is being considered for 1973, but is not finalized at this time.

The Welsh National Cymanfa Ganu is the largest single Welsh event of the year in North America, serving to preserve and promote that rich Welsh Heritage, which is ours to enjoy, and hopefully to secure for generations yet unborn.

I gather from your letter that you have made an effort to interest B. B. C. in this type of program on a previous occasion. If interest develops to the point that they would want to do it, I suppose a formal request will be made for permission to do so. Such a request would require clearance from the W. N. G. G. A. and the local sponsoring committee.

I hope this information will serve to enable you to start consideration on your part, and we will be happy to furnish any further information you may require of us if you will let me know.

Gyda pob dymuniad da,

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Emlyn Lloyd, President

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9th November, 1971.

Dear Mr. Morgans,

It has been my intention for some weeks past to write you. I have at long last succeeded in getting to grips with the task. I am in charge of Religious Radio and Television in Wales, and I was extremely interested to read your hand-out on "Deuwch, canwn i'r Arglwydd" which reached my desk per Mr. Selwyn Roderick Senior Features Producer.

We explored together, i.e. Mr. Roderick and myself, the possibilities of tele-recording the Festival for showing in Wales- and possibly in England and Scotland too but, unfortunately, on this occasion we were unable to interest the people who would have to finance the project.

My hope is that I will be able to persuade the powers that be in the B.B.C. to allow us to make a film feature of this event next year or the year after. This would concentrate not only on the actual singing - important though this is, but also on the social nature of this event. I would be happy therefore if you could send any advance information about the annual event so that I can try to interest Head of Programmes in this project.

I was very glad to hear of the success of this year's Cymanfa.

Gyda'r dymuniadau gorau.

Yn gywir,

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Dear Mr. Lloyd,

One thing leads to another and yesterday I received the enclosed letter from the Welsh Broadcasting Corporation. I think the intentions of the Religious Organizer are excellent. The suggestion for tele-recording the National Gymanfa should be discussed by the members of the executive body, and I think it should be encouraged as it offers a tremendous service for the organization if it continues to definite fruition.

If the National Gymanfa plans a return visit to Wales, the proposed Tv featured program would offer a valuable advanced publicity outlet at no cost, possibly over the whole of Britain.

It offers other possibilities, too. Perhaps we would be able to rent film copies for showing to the Welsh groups over here. This would help to foster much desired interest.

I have already acknowledged the letter. I told Mr. Williams that I would tell you about it. Perhaps it would be nice if you were to contact him also, expressing your personal interest in the proposed project and offering the cooperation of the executive officers.

I had a glimpse of Jack Meadows at the Gymanfa at Redford but did not get near enough to talk to him. The attendance was better than I had expected and the singing was good. The conductor seemed to have excellent knowledge of some of our best-loved hymns, which also helped.

"Tregelles," that sounds important enough a name for any position! I never heard of that before, but if it does good for the Gymanfa we'll rate it even higher!

Cofion cynnes a phob dymuniad da,

*Jack*  
John C. Morgans