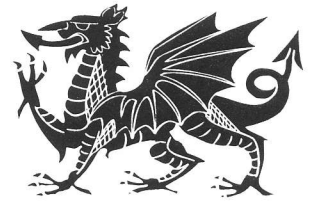


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Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you for your letter requesting support for the Pendyrus Trust and the Glynn Jones Scholarship.

The WNGGA Board of Trustees will be having its mid-year meeting on April 27 at Kingston, Ontario. I will pass along your request to President Upshall to be included on the agenda at that time.

It is important that you be aware that the WNGGA is currently involved with a lawsuit in California concerning a court settlement which our lawyers have contended is meritless. Nevertheless, it is taking a considerable amount of time, energy, and resources to meet this unusual legal challenge.

Thank you again for your message. We'll know more after our April meeting.

Sincerely,

Ellis J. Jones  
Executive Director

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26<sup>th</sup> March 2002

Dear Sir,

Your name and address has been passed to me by Rev Richard Price Baskwill, one of your Trustees, and a long-standing friend of the Pendyrus Male Choir, and I take the liberty of enclosing a "letter of introduction" to the **PENDYRUS TRUST** which has been established to honour the memory of the choir's late Musical Director, Glynne Jones MBE.

Since 1965, under the directorship of Glynne Jones, the Pendyrus Choir has made six extensive concert tours in North America – in western Canada and the north-west United States in 1965 and 1968, a coast-to-coast tour from San Francisco to New York in 1971, in Pennsylvania and Maryland in 1984 and 1988, and, most recently, in the north-eastern United States in 1995. On the last of these tours Glynne Jones conducted the 64<sup>th</sup> Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu at Harrisburg (which featured the choir), and over the past twenty years or so he had also conducted cymanfaoedd in Utica, Delta, and, I believe, New York.

The **PENDYRUS TRUST** has received considerable support, both from individuals and organisations at home and overseas, since it was launched in May 2001, and the first **GLYNNE JONES SCHOLARSHIP** has already been awarded to a post-graduate student taking a diploma conducting course at the Welsh College of Music and Drama. Glynne had long advocated a scholarship for the College, of which he was a Fellow, but, sadly, this did not materialise in his lifetime. We believe that the **GLYNNE JONES SCHOLARSHIP** will be a fitting memorial to his outstanding contribution to music in Wales, and to Welsh music overseas, will fulfil his own aspirations, and will benefit Welsh music in the future.

In view of Glynne's championship of Welsh music in North America, and his involvement with the Gymanfa Ganu movement, I should be grateful if the Welsh National Gymanfa Association would consider supporting the aims of the Trust.

Yours sincerely,



John H Lewis  
Secretary to the Trustees

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**THE PENDYRUS TRUST** has been established to honour the memory of Glynne Jones MBE (1927-2000), a man who was devoted to Wales, to its language and literature, and particularly to its music.

Born in Dowlais, where he was to live throughout his life, he was educated at Cyfarthfa Grammar School, Merthyr Tydfil, and at University College, Cardiff, where he graduated in Music and Welsh, and received a Diploma in Education. His musical career was all-embracing: Music Master of Merthyr Tydfil County Grammar School 1955-65, Music Adviser for Monmouthshire 1965-73, and Senior Music Adviser for Gwent 1973-90.

His "extramural" pursuits were equally out-reaching: Organist at Moriah Baptist Chapel, Dowlais 1940-63, Conductor of Merthyr Philharmonic Choir 1955-61, Conductor of the Silurian Singers 1958-65, Musical Director of Pendyrus Male Choir 1962-2000, Founder and Organiser of the Newport International Piano Competition, tutor, lecturer, conductor, adjudicator, presenter, commentator, broadcaster, organiser of classical festivals, Cymanfaoedd Ganu and "Rock and Pop" events, and much else, in Britain and overseas.

His "hands-on" approach and powers of communication, his dedication, influence and crusading zeal, have had a profound effect on generations of young people, and countless amateur musicians, throughout Wales and beyond.

Glynne's commitment to music in education and the community was recognised by a Fellowship of the Welsh College of Music and Drama in 1994, and by the award of the MBE in the 1996 New Year's Honours List.

The immediate aim of **THE PENDYRUS TRUST** is to provide an annual "**GLYNNE JONES SCHOLARSHIP**" to be awarded to a conducting student of the Welsh College of Music and Drama. This will, of course, need capital. The Pendyrus Male Choir launched the Trust at a Tribute Concert at St David's Hall, Cardiff, on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2001, and further fund-raising events are planned.

Concerts alone will not secure the level of capital required, and this letter is an appeal to all those who have appreciated, or been influenced by, Glynne Jones' immeasurable contribution to music in Wales. All donations, large or small, will be most welcome, will be acknowledged, and should be made to **THE PENDYRUS TRUST**. We look forward to your support for this memorial to a unique and charismatic "man of music".

John H Lewis  
Secretary to the Trustees

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