

## **COMPANY WINNER OF AWARD AT THE NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD**

For many years now the Company has offered a Scholarship to the winning competitor, aged 19 or over, at the National Eisteddfod of Wales for singing a song from a show. It is worth £1,000, is generously sponsored by the Simon Gibson Trust and is intended to enable the winner to receive further musical tuition. The competition is fierce, and it remains the most popular competition in the whole of the Eisteddfod.



The winner this year, at the first 'live' Eisteddfod since the pandemic and held at Tregaron, was Cai Fôn Davies singing 'Corner of the Sky' from 'Pippin' by Stephen Schwartz.

Cai hails from Talwrn, near Llangefni on Anglesey. Aged 22, he graduated with First Class Honours in Welsh and History from the University of Bangor where he continues his studies towards a Master's degree. Competing on stage has been second nature to him since an early age and has already brought him considerable successes. At the National Eisteddfod this year he also won the Open Recitation competition and he enjoyed two further successes at the Urdd Eisteddfod held in Denbigh. In addition he secured the prize scholarship at the Anglesey Eisteddfod Drama Festival.

Choral singing also appeals to him and he was a member of the Meibion Johns' Boys choir that won the Choir of the World competition at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod in 2019. They are now preparing to compete in the International Choral Festival in Derry later this year and will be singing at the Principality Stadium before the All Blacks Match in the autumn. He greatly valued the experience gained by travelling with Côr Alawbama to Atlanta and Alabama in the U.S.A. and performing there at various iconic locations.

In his spare time Cai enjoys turning his hand to creative writing and composing and was received into the Gorsedd of Bards at the Eisteddfod in Tregaron this year. He is a keen supporter of Bangor 1876 and Liverpool football teams. After completing his Master's degree he hopes to pursue a career in the world of the theatre and is grateful for the support offered him by the Company..