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# Festival News

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## 2010's adjudicators are confirmed!

The North Wales Choral Festival has a brand new line up of adjudicators for 2010

Joining the panel of capable judges is Mervyn Cousins of the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod, Mark Grindall of the British Association of Barbershop Singers (BABS) and Bernie Sherlock of the Association of Irish Choirs (AOIC)



Mervyn Cousins has enjoyed time as MD at St Edmundsbury and Metropolitan Cathedrals, Chorus Master at the Bury St Edmunds Festival and Organist at the University of Liverpool. He began working at the world-renowned Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod in 2003 and has recently been appointed its CEO.



Mark Grindall boasts a varied career with highlights including quartet appearances across Europe and the USA with the biggest single audience of 500million for the televised opening night of Disneyland Paris; British and European gold medals and being the immediate past chair of the BABS guild of judges.



Bernie Sherlock is well respected in the Irish choral circuit and has achieved many accomplishments. She is MD of Culwick Choral Society as well as conductor of New Dublin Voices. A graduate of NUI Maynooth she has herself taught for AOIC and was appointed Artistic Director of AOIC's annual conducting summer school in 2008.

The North Wales Choral Festival is in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year and the competition has developed over that time into a well respected and highly anticipated date on the choral calendar. Between 2007/09 the number of choirs participating has doubled and is continuing to grow, making the festival one of the most well attended in Wales.

Choirs from all over the UK and Ireland descend upon Llandudno to compete in the classes of barbershop, youth, mixed, ladies and male voice. The competition consists of a daytime heat followed that evening with a second performance from the section winners to announce the overall competition winner.

Choirs compete in the daytime competition for a prize of £100 for third, £200 for second and £500 for first place. First placed winners then compete in the overall winners' concert that evening, for a further chance of winning £500 for first place, as well as the prestigious overall winners' trophy and the 2010 competition title.

For more information on how to enter your choir or to purchase tickets, please visit the website at [www.northwaleschoralfestival.co.uk](http://www.northwaleschoralfestival.co.uk)

For an informal chat about the day, contact the event organiser Alun Pritchard on 01492 575948 or e-mail [alun.pritchard@conwy.gov.uk](mailto:alun.pritchard@conwy.gov.uk)

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