

Biography

Welsh harpist **Gwenllian Llŷr** is quickly gaining international recognition for her charismatic and engaging performances. In 2013, Gwenllian was a prize-winner at the USA International Harp Competition in Bloomington where she was highly praised for her musicianship and her ability to connect with audiences. She has also won many prizes more locally, including the Len Lickorish Memorial Prize for a String Player of Promise at the Royal Over-Seas League AMC 2018. In 2017, Gwenllian was named an Artist with City Music Foundation, published her first collection of harp solos and also released her debut CD 'Dusk to Dawn'.

Gwenllian has had the pleasure of studying with wonderful teachers in some of the best institutions in the world, including the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, The Juilliard School and the Royal Academy of Music. In addition to substantial financial support from scholarships and grants, Gwenllian also received many accolades during her studies, such as the William Schuman prize for outstanding achievement and leadership in music from The Juilliard School. Her career has taken her across the globe with performances in prestigious venues such as St. David's Hall, Carnegie Hall and the Royal Albert Hall, and alongside renowned artists including Rebecca Evans, Imogen Cooper, Al Jarreau, Matthew Rees and Bryn Terfel. Gwenllian relishes the chance to display the harp's versatility, with recent performances including: a solo performance on the Ffestiniog Railway for Live Music Now; a programme of contemporary works for soprano and harp at Cardiff University; a concerto performance with the Orchestra of St John's at St John's Smith Square; a harp and cello duo of the Swan with a dancer at Kensington Palace.

Gwenllian's love of the harp extends beyond the stage, as a teacher, composer/arranger, and as a workshop leader, sharing advice for both performing and writing for the harp. She has over a decade of experience teaching students of every age and ability, and enjoys using her composing skills to write short pieces and exercises to help her students flourish. Gwenllian is involved in many exciting projects, including preparing for the release of her next CD and publishing more harp music. For more information about recent and upcoming performances, please visit her website: www.GwenllianLlyr.com.