

Cylchlythyr Rhif 3

Annwyl Gyfeillion

Mae eich Cyfarwyddwr Artistig di bod braidd yn ddi-am ers iddi ysgrifennu ddiwethaf a bu yn yr ysbyty am 12 diwrnod wedi torri ei glun. Ymddiheuriadau lu felly am yr oedi efo'r cyfathrebu. Diolch i bawb am eu cyfarchion. Diolchaf hefyd i'r rhai sydd wedi ymuno fel Noddwyr, Cyfeillion neu sydd wedi danfon rhoddion i'r Wyl yn ddiweddar.

Fe addewais dalu sylw at y cerddorion sydd am ddod atom yn 2021 yn y Cylchlythyron hyn a bum mewn cysylltiad yn ddiweddar gyda Palisander sef grwp o chwareuwyr recorder penigamp â fu yn y rownd derfynol o Gystadleuaeth y Royal Over-Seas League yn 2019 gan ofyn y canlynol. Gweler linc i berfformiad ar ddiwedd y cyfweiliad isod.

Rwyn siwr y bydde'r darllenwyr yn hoffi gwybod am yr enw. Beth yw'r ystyr a pham y dewisioch?

Palisander is a type of wood, sometimes used to make recorders. Our collection of over 40 recorders (!) are actually made from a wide range of woods, including Boxwood, Grenadilla, Maple and Cherry, but we like the sound of the name 'Palisander'.

Soniwch ychydig am eich cefndir, pryd ddechreuoch ganu'r offerynnau hyn a phaham?

We all began playing the recorder as children and whilst we play other instruments, recorder is our specialism. We all studied the recorder at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, where we met. Palisander's performances and overall ethos is built around a shared love of the recorder and all that the instrument has to offer. Our concerts often feature music spanning 1000 years, performed largely from memory on recorders from 6 inches to 6 feet tall! We love introducing audiences to the different recorders and repertoire, often including several recorder-related surprises and enjoy answering questions and having a chat, after concerts.

Pa neges fydde gennych ar gyfer pobol ifanc sydd yn dysgu canu offeryn?

Learn to play different types of music and find which style you enjoy playing the most. If you're offered the chance to perform a piece you're working on, perhaps to your class, take the opportunity. Sharing your music-making with others is when you feel the biggest sense of achievement and all the practising is worth it!

Mae na ychydig flynyddoedd ers i ni gyfarfod yn y lle cynta a hynny yn eich clyweliad ar gyfer Live Music Now. Soniwch ychydig am eich gwaith gyda LMN.

We really enjoyed our work with LMN, which included working in nursery schools and schools for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, as well as family activity days and performances in care homes. The skills that we learnt with LMN have really informed our other engagements - including an intergenerational project we ran in France, which brought together nursery school children and care home residents for music-making with Palisander.

A'i dyma'r tro cynta i chi ddod i Gymru/i Wyl yng Nghymru?

We're really excited to be performing in the Fishguard and West Wales International Music Festival, especially as this will be our first performance in Wales!

Bu'n amser anodd i gerddorion yn ddiweddar. Sut bu rhaid i chi addasu eich bywydau?

We have been so disappointed to have our performances cancelled over the last few months. We were due to give several performances in the UK and also in France, Spain, Germany, Belgium, Latvia and the Czech Republic. Some of these have been postponed, so we are crossing our fingers for next year.

When we rehearse, we're used to going to each other's houses, but in order to physically distance, we are now having to hire larger facilities. For Palisander, the Covid-19 crisis has presented additional complications, as we usually share the recorders between members, during performances. Of course, this is no longer possible and it has resulted in considerable changes to our programmes and ways of rehearsing. In the longer term, it may also mean investing in yet more recorders!

Oes gennych ddiddordebau heblaw am gerddoriaeth?

Caoimhe enjoys reading and going for a run, while Miriam loves baking and gardening. Teresa likes long walks and cooking and Lydia has been rediscovering her enjoyment of drawing and making jewelry. The one perk of the summer lockdown was finding a little more time for these activities! We all enjoy travelling - being able to explore new places together, as part of our work with Palisander, is a very special aspect of playing in the group.

Yn ogystal â'u perfformiad yn ystod yr Ŵyl ar 27 Gorffennaf, mawr obeithiaf bydd modd trefnu sesiynau iddynt mewn ysgolion cynradd cyn diwedd y tymor. Mwy am hyn yn y man! Yn y cyfamser dyma linc i berfformiad i chi fwynhau:

<https://www.fishguardmusicfestival.com/palisander-video>

Mae copi o'r uchod a cylchlythyron blaenorol ar gael ar:

<https://www.fishguardmusicfestival.com/news>

Cadwch yn ddiogel a phob hwyl tan y tro nesa.

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