

Meinir Heulyn BMus (Hons)

Meinir Heulyn is one of Wales' most proficient and versatile harpists, equally at home on the international concert platform as contributing to the musical scene in Wales. She was brought up in Ceredigion before graduating from University College, Cardiff, where her harp teacher was Ann Griffiths. She furthered her studies at the Conservatorio di Musica, Genova with Gianuzzi, a pupil of Maria Grossi.

After a year as Principal Harpist for the BBC Training Orchestra, Meinir was appointed Principal Harpist for the Orchestra of Welsh National Opera, a position she enjoyed for thirty years, performing internationally and recording extensively with world renowned artists.

Meinir is recognised as one of Wales' foremost harp teachers and was Head of the Harp Department at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama for twelve years until 2011. Her involvement in teaching is based on her passionate aim to raise the standard of harp playing. With this in mind, in 2015 she founded the Cardigan Castle Harp Club, where young harpists from west Wales meet every fortnight to be tutored and to perform.

Inspired by her work with young harpists she began arranging music for her students and is well known in the harp world as a prolific arranger and editor, her works appearing on the syllabi of the ABRSM and Trinity examining bodies. In 1990 she established Alaw Music Publishing, currently with a widely varied catalogue of over 140 titles. She herself has published over fifty volumes for harp, many being editions of Welsh traditional music, and are proving to be an invaluable addition to any harpist's library, making Welsh culture truly international.