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Gwirededu breuddwydion o ganu gyda Huw Chiswell – cyfres newydd o Canu Gyda Fy Arwr.

Os fyddch chi'n cael y cyfle i rannu llwyfan gydag unrhyw un, pwy fydden nhw? Ydi, mae Canu Gyda Fy Arwr yn ôl! Mae'r canwr Rhys Merion wedi bod yn ddigon lwcus i gael canu gyda rhai o enwau mawr y byd cerddorol, ac yn y gyfres **Canu Gyda fy Arwr**, mae o am roi'r un profiad i eraill.

Gyda Rhys wrth y llyw yn teithio i bob cwr o Gymru - a thu hwnt - i wireddu breuddwydion pobl i ganu gyda'u harwyr cerddorol, mae hon yn raglen llawn hwyl gyda digon o ganu, hel atgofion a lot o sypreisys!

Ac mae'r gyfres newydd yn cychwyn gyda un o'n enwau mwyaf ni yng Nghymru – Huw Chiswell.

Mae'r canwr-gyfansoddwr poblogaidd o Gwm Tawe wedi cyfansoddi rhai o anthemau mwyaf eiconig Cymru fel Y Cwm, Parti'r Ysbrydion, Dwylo Dros y Mor i enwi dim ond rhai. A dros bedair degawd, mae o wedi perfformio ar sawl llwyfan gwahanol ac wedi rhyddhau pump albwm.

Yr unigolyn cyntaf sy'n cael gwirededu breuddwyd o ganu gyda'i arwr yw Tristian, sy'n athro Gwyddoniaeth yn Ysgol Caer Elen, Hwlfordd. Cafodd ei enwebu gan ei ffrind a'i gyd-weithiwr, Nerys.

Mae Tristian wedi bod yn ffan enfawr o Huw Chiswell erioed, ac mae'n brofiad swreal i'r ddau wrth iddynt gwrdd yn eu cyn-ysgol, Ysgol Ystalyfera, i ymarfer y gân boblogaidd Nos Sul a Baglan Bay.

A cawn fwynhau perfformiad o'r ddeuawd yn y lleoliad perffaith – lle arall ond Bae Baglan gyda'r nos.

Mae'n rhaid teithio dipyn pellach i gwrdd a'r person nesaf sydd am ganu gyda'i arwr. Mae Sam Ebenezer, yn wreiddiol o Dalybont ger Aberystwyth, yn byw yn Llundain ac yn gweithio yn y byd theatr.

Mae Sam wedi hen arfer troedio llwyfannau Cymru, ac ar ôl mynd i Goleg Mountview yn Llundain mae o wedi mwynhau byw a gweithio yn y ddinas ers hynny, gan gynnwys rhan yng nghynhyrchiad eiconig The Mousetrap yn Theatr St.Martins.

"Mae'n rhaid i ti gael rhyw fath o *resilience* i weithio yn y byd theatr," meddai Sam.

"Ti'n mynd Ian am job *interview* pob wythnos a wedyn falle bo ti'n bwcio'r job yna ond bod o mond yn para 6 wythnos felly ni'n chwilio am jobs o hyd ac o hyd. Ac mae lot o newyddion gwael yn lle newyddion da felly mae'n rhaid i ti gael rhyw fath o gryfder i fod yn y byd."

Ac mae'r sypreisys yn dal i ddod, wrth iddyn nhw berfformio'r clasur, Y Cwm, ar gwch ar yr afon Tafwys wrth iddi nosi.

Er fod Tristian a Sam wedi gwirioni gyda Huw Chiswell, mae'r trydydd canwr wedi gwirioni gyda Band Pres Llareggub. Mae Catrin, fel Sam, wedi enwebu ei hun i gymryd rhan yn y gyfres:

"Dwi wrth fy modd yn canu," Meddai. "A dwi wedi cyrraedd yr oed os dwi'n gweld cyfle, ddylwn i gymryd o! Ac os ydi rywun ddim yn gofyn, 'di rywun ddim yn cael nac 'di!"

Yn wreiddiol Fynytho, Abersoch, mae Catrin yn dod o deulu cerddorol. Roedd ei mam yn dysgu piano iddi yn Ysgol Botwnnog, ac roedd ei thad yn ganwr brwd ac wedi arwain band pres Y Bala.

Ar ôl dipyn o sypreis gan Rhys Meirion yn y syrjeri ble mae hi'n gweithio fel meddyg, mae Catrin o dan yr argraff ei bod hi am ganu Rhywbeth o'i Le gyda Band Pres Llareggub yn unig.

Ond pan mae Huw Chiswell yn cerdded i mewn i'r ymarfer, mae Catrin yn cael sioc go fawr arall!

"Mae athrylith cerddorol mwya'r genedl newydd ddod i mewn i neuadd Mynytho! Oni wir yn meddwl bod fy nghalon i'n mynd i stopio!"

A cawn fwynhau perfformiad arbennig iawn o Rhywbeth o'i Le o Neuadd Mynytho gyda Catrin, Huw Chiswell a Band Pres Llareggub.

Ac mae'r profiad wedi bod yn un dirdynol iawn i Catrin:

"Mae hi wedi bod yn ddiwrnod emosiynol iawn, a dydw i ddim yn berson emosiynol - dwi'n rhedeg ar synnwyr cyffredin a rhesymeg! Ond mae cerddoriaeth yn gwneud pethau mawr i rywun dydi. Mi gofia'i hyn cyn hired a gofia'i ddim byd arall!"

Canu Gyda fy Arwr

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Making dreams of singing with Huw Chiswell come true – a new series of Canu Gyda Fy Arwr

If you had the chance to share a stage with anyone, who would you choose? Yes, **Canu Gyda Fy Arwr** (Singing With My Hero) is back! Singer Rhys Merion has been lucky enough to be able to perform with some of the biggest names in music, and in the series **Canu Gyda fy Arwr**, he wants to give others the same experience.

With Rhys at the helm traveling all over Wales - and beyond - to make people's dreams of singing with their musical heroes come true, one thing's for sure - this series will be jam-packed with dancing, emotion, and lots of surprises!

And the new series starts with one of our biggest names in Wales - Huw Chiswell.

The popular singer-songwriter from Cwm Tawe has composed some of Wales's most iconic anthems such as Y Cwm, Parti'r Ysbrydion, Dwylo Dros y Mor to name just a few. And over four decades, he has performed on many different stages and has five albums to his name.

The first individual who gets to fulfil a dream of singing with his hero is Tristian, a Science teacher at Caer Elen School, Haverfordwest. He was nominated by his friend and colleague, Nerys.

Tristian has always been a huge fan of Huw Chiswell, and it's a surreal experience for both as they meet at their old school, Ystalyfera School, to practice the popular song Nos Sul a Baglan Bay.

And we get to enjoy the duet in the perfect location - where else but Baglan Bay at night.

We travel a bit further to meet the next person who wants to sing with their hero. Sam Ebenezer, originally from Talybont near Aberystwyth, lives in London and works in theatre.

Sam is used to treading the stages of Wales, and since going to Mountview College in London he has enjoyed living and working in the city, including a part in the iconic production of The Mousetrap at St.Martins Theatre.

"You have to have some kind of resilience to work in the theatre," said Sam.

"You go up for a job interview every week and maybe you book that job but it only lasts six weeks, so we keep looking over and over. There's a lot of bad news instead of good news so you have to have some kind of strength to be in that world."

And the surprises keep coming, as they perform the classic, Y Cwm, on a boat on the Thames at dusk.

Although Tristian and Sam are infatuated with Huw Chiswell, the third singer is infatuated with Band Pres Llareggub (Llareggub Brass Band). Catrin, like Sam, has nominated herself to take part in the series:

"I love to sing," she said. "And I've reached the age where if I see an opportunity, I should take it! And if you don't ask, you don't get either!"

Originally from Mynytho, Abersoch, Catrin comes from a musical family. Her mother taught her piano at Botwnnog School, and her father was a keen singer and led the Bala brass band.

After a bit of a surprise from Rhys Meirion in the surgery where she works as a doctor, Catrin is under the impression that she will sing Rhywbeth o'i Le with Band Pres Llareggub.

But when Huw Chiswell walks into the rehearsal, Catrin gets another shock!

"The nation's greatest musical genius has just entered Mynytho hall! I really thought my heart was going to stop!"

We get to enjoy a very special performance of Rhywbeth o'i Le from Mynytho Hall with Catrin, Huw Chiswell and Band Pres Llareggub.

The experience has been very moving for Catrin:

"It's been a very emotional day, and I'm not an emotional person - I run on common sense and logic! But music does great things for you. I'll remember this for a long time!"

Canu Gyda fy Arwr

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