

## A Welsh American International Film Festival

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*The Americymru International Film Festival will be held in Portland in August 2010. The event will be promoted by Americymru, the Welsh American social networking site.*

Americymru, the fastest growing Welsh American social networking site, has linked with Amritsa Ltd, a Wales-based company which specializes in running international film festivals, including the Swansea Bay Film Festival and the International Film Festival South Africa. The AmeriCymru International Film Festival will premier in Portland, Oregon in August 2010.

"This is the festival that honours the individual voice. Its mission is to provide a worldwide public forum for films made by Welsh and Celtic filmmakers," said festival organizer Gaabriel Becket , "We also welcome films inspired by or based in Wales."

Portland might seem an unusual choice for a Welsh film festival, being many thousands of miles from Wales, "but it's a city that welcomes unusual choices," says organizer Ceri Shaw, "Submissions are open to anyone, anywhere, who has something to say about Wales or the other Celtic nations. We also welcome films that are inspired by Wales or Celtic themes. We look forward to presenting an extremely rich and varied program to our visitors and patrons in August."

AmeriCymru operates <http://americymru.ning.com>, a social network for people of Welsh birth or ancestry, or anyone interested in Wales, and presents the Left Coast Eisteddfod, a Welsh American Arts Festival premiering in Portland, Oregon in August 2009.

The week long festival will feature around 200 films submitted by film makers around the world in various categories including Best International Short Film, Best Student Film and many more. These films will be screened at various locations around Portland during the festival and the winning entries will be judged and announced at the end of the week.

Filmmakers can enter their submissions at the Amritsa url for the festival here:  
<http://www.amritsa.com/americymru/enter.htm>

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