

### Open Call for local Choirs and Brass Bands

**Come and perform with us!**

NEW Sinfonia are proud to present *Gresford, Up From Underground*, a community opera created by composer Jon Guy and librettist Grahame Davies. The **Ivors Academy Award nominated opera** is a dramatic retelling of the Gresford Mining Disaster; one of the worst coal mining disasters in UK history.



Commissioned in 2024 to mark 90 years since the Gresford Colliery Disaster which claimed 266 lives, the purpose of the opera is to guarantee that the story of Gresford is never forgotten. The explosion in 1934 devastated the local community of Gresford and left emotional and physical scars on the surrounding area of Wrexham for generations.

The themes explored in the opera resonate now just as much as they did at the time of the disaster. Feelings of despair, loss and injustice that evolve and mix with sentiments of resilience, determination, and finally resurgence. Qualities that no doubt resonate with other former industrial communities across Wales.

To that end, NEW Sinfonia are looking to partner with Choirs and Brass Bands from **Blackwood and Caerphilly area** for a performance on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026**. We would like to share the story of Gresford with you, hear about your own experiences, and perform together on stage.



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"An excellent tribute to those miners who were killed in the disaster"

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Come and join us, this is what you will be doing;

1. Rehearsing 3 movements of *Gresford, Up From Underground* in your own rehearsals. NEW Sinfonia will provide the music and learning resources, and a member of our Music Team will visit 1 of your rehearsals to talk about the project, answer any questions and collaborate with your Conductor/Musical Director.



2. Take part in a dress rehearsal on the day the performance – **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**
3. Perform in 1 performance of *Gresford, Up From Underground* at **Blackwood Miners' Institute.**
- Brass Bands will perform in the 'pit' with the rest of the NEW Sinfonia orchestra and wear their band uniforms.
  - Choirs will join the Chorus singing and acting on stage. Singers will need to perform from memory and appear in stage dress – greyscale attire (plain black or grey bottom half, plain black, grey or white top half). NEW Sinfonia will supply each singer with a red clothing accessory (scarf, ties, sash etc.).

We hope that this opportunity excites you and your fellow musicians. If your choir or brass band would like to join us then please get in touch with Ruth Evans (NEW Sinfonia Co-Company Director) via email – [ruth@newsinfonia.org.uk](mailto:ruth@newsinfonia.org.uk).

Thank you for taking the time to consider taking part in our project, we look forward to hearing from you soon. From everyone at NEW Sinfonia, diolch o galon.



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### Galwad agored am Gorau a Bandiau Pres Lleol

#### Dewch i berfformio gyda ni!

Mae NEW Sinfonia yn cyflwyno *Gresffordd, I'r Goleuni 'Nawr*, opera cymuned gan y cyfansoddwr Jon Guy a'r libretydd Grahame Davies. Mae'r opera *Gresffordd, I'r Goleuni 'Nawr*, a enwebwyd am **Wobr Academi Ivors**, yn adroddiad dramatig o Drychineb Mwyngloddio Gresffordd - un o drychinebau mwyngloddio gwaethaf yn hanes y DU.



Weddi'i gomisiynu yn 2024 i nodi 90 mlynedd ers Trychineb Glofa Gresford a chymerodd bywydau 266 o bobl, pwrpas yr Opera yw gwarantu na fydd stori Gresford byth yn cael ei hanghofio. Yn 1934, dinistriodd y ffrwydrad gymuned leol Gresford a gadawodd greithiau emosïynol a chorfforol ar ardal gyfagos Wrecsam am genedlaethau.

Mae'r themâu a archwiliwyd yn yr opera yn atseinio cymaint nawr ag yr oeddent adeg y trychineb. Mae teimpladau o anobaith, colled ac anghyfiawnder yn esblygu i deimpladau o wydnwch, hyder, ac yn olaf adfywiad, rhinweddau y gellir eu gweld ar hyd cymunedau glofaol ledled Cymru.

I'r perwyl hwnnw, mae NEW Sinfonia yn edrych i bartneru â Chorau a Bandiau Pres o **Coed Duon a Sir Caerffili** ar gyfer perfformiad ar **ddydd Iau 26 Chwefror 2026**. Hoffem rannu hanes *Gresffordd* gyda chi, clywed am eich profiadau eich hun, a pherfformio gyda'i'n gilydd ar lwyfan.



CLICIWCH YMA I WELD  
FIDEO DOGFEN FER

"Teyrnaged ardderchog i'r glawyr a  
Laddwyd yn y drychineb"

Aelod NEW Lleisiau



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Dewch i ymuno â ni, dyma beth fyddwch chi'n ei wneud;

1. Ymarfer 3 symudiad o *Gresffordd, I'r Goleuni 'Nawr* yn eich ymarferion eich hun. Bydd NEW Sinfonia yn darparu'r gerddoriaeth a'r adnoddau dysgu, a bydd aelod o'n Tîm Cerddoriaeth yn ymweld ag I o'ch ymarferion i siarad am y prosiect, ateb unrhyw gwestiynau a chydweithio â'ch Arweinydd/Cyfarwyddwr Cerdd.



2. Cymerud ran mewn ymarfer gwisg ar ddiwrnod y perfformiad – **dydd Iau 26 Chwefror 2026.**

3. Perfformio mewn 1 perfformiad o *Gresffordd, I'r Goleuni 'Nawr* yn **Sefydliad y Glowyr Coed Duon.**

a. Bydd Bandiau Pres yn perfformio yn y 'pwll' gyda gweddill cerddorfa NEW Sinfonia ac yn gwisgo eu gwisg band.

b. Bydd corau'n ymuno â'r Corws yn canu ac yn actio ar lwyfan. Bydd angen i gantorion berfformio o'u cof ac ymddangos mewn gwisg llwyfan – gwisg lwyd (hanner gwaelod du plaen neu lwyd, hanner uchaf du plaen, llwyd neu wyn). Bydd NEW Sinfonia yn cyflenwi affeithiwr coch i bob canwr (sgarff, tei, sash ac ati).

Gobeithiwn y bydd y cyfle hwn yn eich cyffroi chi a'ch cyd-gerddorion. Os hoffai eich côr neu fand pres ymuno â ni, cysylltwch â Ruth Evans (Cyfarwyddwr Cyd-Gwmni NEW Sinfonia) drwy e-bost – [ruth@newsinfonia.org.uk](mailto:ruth@newsinfonia.org.uk).

Diolch i chi am gymryd yr amser i ystyried cymryd rhan yn ein prosiect, edrychwn ymlaen at glywed gennych yn fuan. Gan bawb at NEW Sinfonia, diolch o galon.

**CLICIWCH YMA I WELD  
TRELAR Y CYNHYRCHIAD**

"Roedd cymryd rhan mewn rhywbeth  
mor ystyrlon yn arbennig iawn."

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