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28 September 1967

Mr. G. J. Parri
The Parri Company
2110 ~~South~~ Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Parri;

Just a gentle reminder that we hope that some action has been taken towards inviting the National Gymanfa Ganu to Milwaukee- and Wisconsin- in 1969 or 1970. Having just been through the new Music Hall, I am most enthusiastic over its possibilities. Perhaps your people would like to have Dick Hoover, the Director, appear at one of your meetings and describe this wonderful new addition to our community. As you know, it is scheduled to open late in the fall of 1968. Just a couple of "for instances";

the stage elevator can handle a choir of 200.
Pop 'em up, and make them disappear, as you will.

the pit will take a full orchestra, and its an elevator, too.

from the sixpence seats to the stage is 130 feet, with no posts or obstructions. Actually better seats than the stalls.

plenty of parking, not to mention the mall and garden, and plenty of parking.

Seriously, this will be one of the finest halls of its type in the nation, and certainly an ideal showcase for the Gymanfa Ganu. If there is anything we can do to help stimulate interest in the invitation, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Fred S. Daiger
Executive Director

MEMBER INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONVENTION BUREAUS



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6 October 1967

Mr. G. J. Parri
The Parri Company
7410 South Howell Avenue
Milwaukee Wisconsin 53207.

Dear Mr. Parri:


I was delighted to learn that the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Gymanfa Ganu Association had commissioned you to investigate the possibilities of bringing the 1970 National to our city and state.

First, I feel that you should contact Richard Hoover, the Executive Director of our new Music Hall, relative to a tentative reservation of dates, pending final action at next year's session. Mr. Hoover's office is temporarily located in the War Memorial, and his telephone number is 273-5533. I can't tell you how impressed I am with this new facility, and I am certain it will be equally as exciting to the members of Gymanfa Ganu, both participants and audience alike. In checking my records, it appears your preference of dates is for Labor Day Weekend.

As soon as I have received a report from the Toronto Convention Bureau, I will be pleased to discuss headquarters hotel selections with you, and the other relevant matters. In the meantime, I think we should prepare an invitational brochure, or the necessary number of copies, for the decision-making body. This document contains invitations from the Governor, Mayor, County Executive, and other civic leaders, together with that of your Wisconsin Association.

You will note that your comment did not go unnoticed. I have a new ribbon on my typewriter! Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,


Fred S. Daiger
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Hoover



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14 February 1968

Mr. G. J. Parri
The Parri Company
Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU

Dear Mr. Parri:

I was delighted to learn from you that there is serious consideration being given to bringing the National Gymanfa Ganu to Milwaukee, in 1970. If this should come about, you can count on our Bureau's assistance in every way possible, at no charge. Our services, from handling the housing, registration, entertainment and sightseeing planning, to assistance in the development of publicity, are at your disposal.

Like you, I feel that our Music Hall would provide a magnificent setting for these happy events. It was pleasant to learn that you have your own organist, who will be able to use the outstanding instrument being installed. By 1970, all of the landscaping and other accoutrements of the Music Hall will have been completed and "settled".

Following your meeting this Sunday, please feel free to call on me at any time. I will be most happy to meet with your Committee, any time, anywhere.

Our Bureau will be pleased to loan you a set of color 35 mm. slides, complete with Carousel tray, and our machine, if it is not in use, which will afford you an opportunity of showing off Milwaukee's sights at the Buffalo meeting. Should you desire, a member of our staff, probably myself, could be in attendance to back up the local invitation.

Please let us know how we can help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Fred S. Daiger'.

Fred S. Daiger
Executive Director

cc: Richard Hoover



~~Wisconsin~~
Gynanta Canu
Association of
Wisconsin.

130 Dr.
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186
May 11, 1968

The National Gynanta Canu Ass'n. of
The United States & Canada
Mr. Jack M. Meadows, Pres.

ans. 5/15/68

Dear Mr. Meadows

In behalf of the Gynanta Canu Ass'n. of Wisconsin, Inc., I am writing to you to request your consideration of Milwaukee as the location for your 1970 National Annual Gynanta Canu occasion on the Labor Day week-end. We are fortunate to have admirable facilities in Milwaukee for this event, both as to the Gynanta Canu sessions & Nosen lawen as well as temporary living accommodations. There is the new Music Hall facility on the lake front, and the hotel facilities are well known. We would be most happy to once again welcome & entertain these fine people and enjoy singing & visiting with them. No other people with a heritage seem to have the capacity for developing a hawl as they go along, singing, like do the "Bobl Cymru". As for Wisconsin's spirit for the Gynanta Canu, just query your friend, Mr. Morris L. Wrench (the guy who loves to sing from the top of a phone pole). We will be anticipating your reply. Thank you.

Respectfully yours

Thomas A. Evans, sec'y.



The State of Wisconsin

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MADISON

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WARREN P. KNOWLES

GOVERNOR

August 19, 1968

Mr. Jack Meadows, Secretary
National Gymanfa Ganu Association
c/o Statler Hilton Hotel
Niagara Square
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Mr. Meadows:

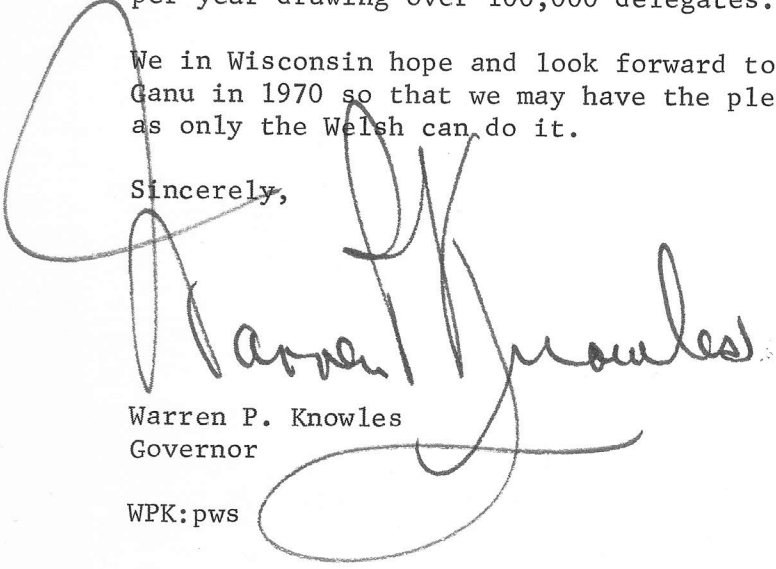
I am asking Mr. Gwynn Parri, bearer of this letter and General Chairman of the Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin, to convey my personal invitation on behalf of the State of Wisconsin that the National Gymanfa Ganu be held in the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1970.

Wisconsin is rich in the culture and tradition of the Welsh. Some of our cities and villages have Welsh names representing the colonization by the Welsh in the earlier pioneer days.

Milwaukee, our largest city, is an adventure in itself. Already known as a great convention city, Milwaukee is increasing its hotel and motel facilities to enhance its reputation as a locale for important meetings. Testimony of this is the fact that almost 300 conventions are scheduled per year drawing over 100,000 delegates.

We in Wisconsin hope and look forward to having the National Gymanfa Ganu in 1970 so that we may have the pleasure of hearing hymn singing as only the Welsh can do it.

Sincerely,


Warren P. Knowles
Governor

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