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Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NP

Saturday 20 February 2016

at 10.30 am in the Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre, Cathays Park

‘A refined and beautiful talent’: Morfydd Owen (1891-1918)

A talk by Dr Rhian Davies

Born in Treforest, Morfydd Owen studied at University College, Cardiff and the Royal Academy of Music before working as a singer, pianist and composer. Fascinating friendships with D.H. Lawrence and Ezra Pound, a chequered marriage to Freudian psychoanalyst Ernest Jones, and an irregular death at the age of 26 have fostered her mythic status ever since. This talk, illustrated with archive images and recordings of Morfydd’s music, plus extracts from her correspondence is given by Dr Rhian Davies, whose research has restored the composer to international attention.

Widely recognised as an innovative historian of twentieth-century British culture, Dr Davies has been awarded Visiting Fellowships at Indiana University, Bloomington, and at the National Library of Australia, Canberra. She is also an experienced broadcaster, making regular appearances on BBC Radio 3 and Classic FM. As Artistic Director of the Gregynog Music Festivals since 2006, her curatorial work there has been described as *‘rewarding’* (The Guardian), *‘progressive’* (Classical Music) and *‘inspiring’* (The Times).

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