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At National Museum Wales Cardiff

in the Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre

The History of Wales in Twelve Poems

A talk by Professor M. Wynn Thomas.

M. Wynn Thomas is Professor of English, and Emyr Humphreys Professor of Welsh Writing in English at Swansea University. He is the founder and Director of CREW - *Centre for Research into the English Literature and Language of Wales* and a Member of the Gorsedd of Bards.

The poetic tradition of Wales dates back some fifteen hundred years to the simultaneous appearance of a Welsh language and a Welsh people. It is one of the oldest modern literary traditions in the whole of Europe, yet no attention has been paid to the relationship between the themes and symmetries that have characterised it and the course of the history of Wales.

This talk, based on Professor Thomas' book published in 2021, reflects on that relationship in twelve illustrated poems bringing very different periods and aspects of the Welsh past into focus. It sets out the flavour of a poetic tradition, both ancient and modern, in the Welsh language and in English, that is internationally renowned for its distinction and continuing vibrancy. The talk also explains the process of selection involved in the making of a small, popular study intended to stimulate a new interest in our past and present as a people.

Admission costs £10 and the event is open to all.

The charge includes the talk itself, in the Reardon Smith Theatre followed by coffee/tea and biscuits.

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