Popular symbols of the Eisteddfod

The Red Dragon is one of Wales’s most recognizable symbols. Believed to have been used by King Arthur and other Celtic leaders - it symbolizes Wales’s ancient roots and represents its formidable past warriors.

The Mystic Mark, the symbol /\ was devised by Iolo Morgannwg. It represents the virtues Love, Justice and Truth. The symbol was widely used on Eisteddfod programmes and represented the Gorsedd.

The Welsh Dress was largely developed during the 19th century by a devoted cultural patron called Augusta Hall, or Lady Llanover. The traditional Welsh costume consisted of a red woollen cloak and a tall black hat.

Many people believe that the Harp is Wales’s national instrument. Used for centuries to accompany folk-singing, dancing and poetry recitations, it epitomizes Wales’s rich literary and musical heritage.