

## **What is an Eisteddfod?**

### **Video transcript – Europe's largest cultural festival**

I'm on my way to the National Eisteddfod of Wales.

It's a glorious, week-long celebration of music and song, poetry and drama.

There are concerts and prestigious competitions and all of it is in Welsh.

This is the Maes - the Eisteddfod field - and for one week in August it is the beating heart of Welsh culture.

An ideal place to meet old friends and perhaps make some new ones too.

And at the centre of it all is this, the pink pavilion. You can't really miss it.

Under its big top there are closely fought competitions and packed out concerts.

Just imagine the nerves of the competitors stepping out of the wings onto the stage to face the audience for their big moment after months and months of hard work and preparation.

This stage has been the training ground for some of our biggest stars, like Bryn Terfel, and it continues to draw competitors of the highest standard year after year.

The music and the poetry, the concerts and the competitions, and the pure hwyl or passion and spirit of the place can be enjoyed by anyone in any language.