

TITLE.:- EISTEDDFOD.

Picture. :- Four blasts on the trumpet, one to each of the four cardinal points,

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(North, East, South, and West), opens the Gorsedd ceremony, by calling the bards from all parts of Britain. ....

None but a bard dare enter the sacred circle -- but they get as close to it as they can, for it is an interesting ritual.

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The sword of Peace is placed into the hands of the Arch-Druid who asks, "Is it Peace?" ..... With hands on the sword, or the bearers' shoulders, the bards answer, "There is Peace!" ..... The sword is sheathed, and the ancient ceremony proceeds. ....

Now the Hirias Horn, symbolizing the spirit of hospitality, is presented by Lady Anglesey, (with pages in attendance), to the Arch-Druid, in the centre of the sacred circle. .... A very impressive, and significant part of the ritual. ....

This fascinating annual "gathering of the bards" is held, alternately in North and South Wales. .... According to tradition it must be held "in full view of the country and aristocracy, and in the face of the sun".

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Pronounce GORSEDD	-	GORSE-ETH
" EISTEDDFOD	+	ICE-TETH-VOD