
Local artists perform at Cardiff Airport to launch Dylan Live project

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Welsh musical artists recently performed live in Cardiff Airport's departure lounge to mark the launch of a Dylan Live project from Literature Wales, a national organisation responsible for developing and promoting literature.

In addition to the preview performance, a collection of multimedia exhibitions have been installed at Cardiff Airport to give visitors and residents a taste of the range of activities, attractions and heritage available to them in Wales.

The airport's "What's On" area is designed to showcase the nation's calendar of cultural and sporting events. A festival marquee provides the backdrop for performances, while a large screen shows rolling footage from recent events to take place across the country.

"Dylan Live explores the significance of one particular journey for Welsh culture, so our national airport was the perfect venue for its launch. Wales is a country so rich in cultural heritage and we've got some fantastic events taking place in 2014. We're looking forward to working with many more organisations to help them promote their work to the world," said Jon Horne, chief executive at Cardiff Airport.

Dylan Live is a 60-minute bilingual performance which traces the origins of hip hop back to Dylan Thomas's trip to New York in 1952. The performance incorporates vinyl, jazz, beat poetry, hip hop and vocals.

"Launching Dylan Live at Cardiff airport is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate Dylan's journeys from Wales to America. His words are as popular outside of Wales as they are here. Dylan Live is a show that celebrates contemporary interpretations of Dylan's work. Their journey has now begun," said Lleucu Siencyn, chief executive of Literature Wales.

The production is led by jazz musician, Daniel Williams, against the visuals of a film from Ewan Morris Jones. Performers include poets Martin Daws, Aneirin Karadog and Zaru Jonson; jazz musician Huw V Williams; and hip hop artist Ed Holden.