

## HUGHES, JOHN (c. 1790 - 1869), musician

Name: John Hughes Date of birth: c. 1790 Date of death: 1869 Gender: Male Occupation: musician Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Music; Performing Arts Author: Robert David Griffith

John Hughes was born in Denbigh c. 1790. He was a servant at the Wynnstay Arms, Wrexham, in his early days. He learned to play several musical instruments and was appointed conductor of the band of the Denbighshire militia. He won a prize at the Wrexham eisteddfod (1820) for the best arrangement of a Welsh air. He won the prize and medal at the Abergavenny eisteddfod of 1838 for the best Welsh madrigal and was the winner at the Liverpool eisteddfod (1840) for his variations on the tune 'Dynwared yr eos'. His 'Llanciau Eryri' was published in Y *Gyfres Gerddorol*.

He was a music teacher in Wrexham, and he died there on 10 February 1869 at the age of 79.

## Authors

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