



# Novello

He was the inspiration behind modern musical theatre and a supremely talented composer, writer and actor.

## The Ivor Novello Statue Fund

Ivor Novello won acclaim for Wales throughout the world, yet the only memorial to him in his homeland is a blue plaque on the wall of the Cardiff house where he was born. The Wales Appeal will commemorate Ivor Novello, world famous actor, composer and writer, with a statue to be located in Cardiff Bay outside the Wales Millennium Centre.



Ivor Novello statue maquette by Peter Nicholas

Ivor Novello was a film idol in the USA and Britain, appearing in more than twenty films, and equally successful as a stage actor in dramas, comedies and, in 1938, as Shakespeare's Henry V.

He also wrote reviews, dramas and film scripts, but his talent shone brightest in his song writing, his musical plays and comedies.

His long string of successes included *Glamorous Night* (1935), *Careless Rapture* (1936), *The Dancing Years* (1939), followed after the war with the hugely

popular *Perchance to Dream* and *King's Rhapsody* that had Britain, and the world, singing.

He died in 1951 in his flat above London's Strand theatre, a few hours after performing the lead in *King's Rhapsody*.

**War time pilot:** In the first world war, after composing one of the most moving war songs ever written, *Keep the home fires burning*, Ivor Novello entertained the troops on the Western front and served as a pilot in the Royal Naval Air Service, surviving two crash landings.





Design: Peter Gill & Associates

**Sculptor Peter Nicholas studied at Cardiff Art School and the Royal College of Art, London.** He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of British Sculptors, and a Member of the Watercolour Society of Wales. Many organisations throughout Wales have commissioned paintings, carvings and bronzes by Peter. His sculptures and drawings are featured in private and public collections in the UK, Europe and America.

## The sculpture by Peter Nicholas

The magnificent twelve feet high bronze statue will be sited in the plaza, outside the Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff Bay.

"We're nearly halfway to reaching our target of £85,000 to complete the sculpture," said the man who started the Novello Appeal, Hilary David. He commissioned the sculpture and started the fundraising effort.

You can help us realise this dream by making a generous donation to the sculpture fund and join us in celebrating one of Wales's most acclaimed stars of stage, screen and musical theatre. If you would like to contribute to the Fund, please use

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