

"The Otherworld...

King Arthur's Labyrinth is pleased to announce the opening of its latest attraction, 'The Otherworld Theatre'. The Otherworld Theatre will be showing a short film, 'Rhiannon', taken from the ancient Welsh book of stories, 'The Mabinogion'.

Rhiannon, worshipped by the Celts as the goddess of horses, became an important character in the celebrated tales. Our film, which uses impressive state of the art animation, tells the story of this beautiful and courageous legendary figure. Rhiannon gives birth to a baby boy, but on May Day, the baby is snatched after somebody or something puts a spell on the maids guarding him. When the maids realise what has happened, they seek to protect themselves by persuading everyone that Rhiannon has killed the baby, a crime for which she is punished for many years to come in this story of mystery, magic and subterfuge... 'Rhiannon' will be shown on a loop, in English, throughout the day.

The Otherworld Theatre also houses a small exhibition and bookshop. The adjoining exhibition links the legend of King Arthur to these much loved stories. Did you know, for example, that one of the earliest references to the iconic figure of King Arthur was in 'The Mabinogion'. Prior to that, Arthur was mentioned in a famous 7<sup>th</sup> century poem called 'Y Gododdin'. Through materials like these, we can begin to piece together the myth of the man and follow his transition from Celtic warlord to the international hero that he is today. The exhibition also looks deeper into Celtic history in a bid to understand the culture from which King Arthur emerged...'