



News from the Royal School of Church Music

ALED TO GET TOP MUSIC AWARD IN DURHAM CATHEDRAL

DIARY MARKER: Saturday 15th MAY 2010 from 11.30am. DURHAM CATHEDRAL.

Singer and broadcaster Aled Jones is among those to receive an honorary award from the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) during its annual Celebration Day, which this year is being held in Durham Cathedral. The RSCM supports and promotes church music of all kinds both in the UK and abroad, and 450 singers of all ages from RSCM-affiliated churches in the north of England will be present to form a massed-choir for the service, directed by Canon James Lancelot, the cathedral's Organist and Master of the Choristers.

Recipients of honorary awards will come from as far as New Zealand and the USA to receive either a Fellowship (FRSCM), Associateship (ARSCM), or Honorary Membership (HonRSCM) of the Royal School of Church Music. Aled Jones, who will be taking a break from filming in Durham for BBC TV's *Songs of Praise*, will be presented with Honorary Membership. Among recipients with local connections is Professor Jeremy Dibble, a leading musicologist from Durham University who receives a Fellowship, as does Richard Lloyd, former organist of Durham Cathedral. Certificates will also be presented to students on the RSCM's *Church Music Skills* and *Sacred Music Studies* courses. They will be presented with their awards during a service which also includes hymns, readings, prayers and anthems giving thanks for the work of the RSCM in the region and around the world.

A full list of recipients of awards is available on the RSCM website at www.rscm.com/media in a release dated 19th November 2009.

You are invited to send a Reporter / Photographer to this event at 11.30am. The meeting point will be the Information Desk at the back of the cathedral. The massed choir will be in rehearsal in the nave until 12.15pm. RSCM staff will be available for interview about the day and the work of the RSCM. The service itself begins at 2.00pm.

**Ends
20 April 2010**

Notes for Editors

The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) is an educational charity that promotes the best use of music in worship, church life, and the wider community. The RSCM also publishes music and training resources, and organises courses, short workshops and activities. With over 8,000 affiliates, members and friends in over 40 countries it is an international network, supported by over 750 volunteers and a small team of staff based throughout the UK. More at www.rscm.com

The RSCM has made honorary awards since 1946; a detailed list of recipients is available at http://www.rscm.com/about_us/awards.php

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