



News Release from the Royal School of Church Music

MUSICAL AWARDS PRESENTED IN SALISBURY

Leading figures in the world of church music were in Salisbury on Saturday for the presentation of awards by the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) during its Celebration Day service at the Cathedral. These included Pam Rhodes and Dr Noël Tredinnick, who are both well known from BBC Television's *Songs of Praise*, and composers Malcolm Archer and Professor Philip Wilby.

Also receiving diplomas were five students who have completed the RSCM's *Sacred Music Studies* course. A choir of about 200 singers from RSCM-affiliated choirs in the region joined the Salisbury Cathedral Choirs for the annual Celebration Day service, under the direction of David Ogden.

In his address, Director of the RSCM, Mr Lindsay Gray, thanked the award winners for their contributions to church music locally, nationally and internationally. He also talked of plans for the RSCM to involve more young people in music in worship: "Bringing young people into church is of course essential if there is going to be a church in the future – and what a great way to involve young people, through musical contribution and participation."

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Notes for Editors:

Photographs of the award winners can be downloaded from the RSCM website at http://www.rscm.com/about_us/pictureGallery.php

Those receiving awards at the Celebration Day service were:

Fellow of The Royal School of Church Music

Malcolm Archer - composer, Director of Chapel Music at Winchester College

Dr Jonathan Bielby - Director of Music, Wakefield Cathedral

Dr Neil McEwan - Director of Music, Christ Church St Laurence, Sydney, Australia

Dr Noël Tredinnick - Director of Music, All Souls, Langham Place, London

Professor Philip Wilby - composer, Professor at Leeds University

Associate of the Royal School of Church Music

Robin Bell - founder and administrator, Scottish Church Organist Training Scheme

Louise Reid - director, Ely Cathedral Girls' Choir

Honorary Member of the Royal School of Church Music

Iain Nisbet - former Secretary and Young Persons' Officer, RSCM Guildford Area

Pam Rhodes - presenter, BBC Television's *Songs of Praise*

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Ann Lloyd Jones, Christine Davis, Sue Moore, Jane Upcott, Helen Boocock

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 8,500 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.

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