



**News from the Royal School of Church Music**

## **RSCM SEEKS NEW CHAIR OF COUNCIL**

**The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) is looking for a new Chair to succeed Mark Williams who will be retiring from the position next summer. He or she will lead trustees for an initial four year term, as the charity continues to develop and expand its work in supporting and promoting church music. This senior position is being advertised in the national press.**

The successful appointee will chair meetings of the RSCM Council, which includes amongst its membership experienced church musicians, senior clergy and distinguished business figures. The position, which is voluntary, is for a four year term in the first instance. Of particular importance is a close working relationship with the RSCM's full-time Director, Lindsay Gray. "We're aiming to continue our mission to revitalise the church music world," he said. "Someone who is passionate and positive about helping us ensure the future of music in Christian worship would be ideal for this senior influential position."

The RSCM, which has over 8,000 affiliates members and friends along with over 750 volunteers, organises short courses and musical events in over 40 countries, and is also a publishing house in its own right. The new chairman/woman will play a key role in an organisation which, in the past few years, has introduced some major initiatives to support and promote the work of church musicians – be they organists, instrumentalists or singers.

The successful candidate will succeed Mark Williams, a senior partner with the international investment company TT International, and himself an experienced cathedral singer. "I have very much enjoyed my involvement with the RSCM," says Mark Williams. "I have had the privilege of working with two outstanding Directors in John Harper and Lindsay, a tremendous group of trustees as well as a very professional staff. Like many charities we have an important rôle to fill in our society; we shall, no doubt, face challenges, but I'm sure that whoever takes on the rôle as chair will find it immensely rewarding."

Further details can be downloaded from the RSCM website [www.rscm.com](http://www.rscm.com) or from Sue Snell, Secretary to the RSCM Council on 01722 424853. Mark Williams would be pleased to have an informal confidential discussion with interested candidates on 0207 509 1198 or email [williamsm@ttint.com](mailto:williamsm@ttint.com). The closing date for applications is 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

**Ends**

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### **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](http://www.rscm.com)

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