



News from the Royal School of Church Music

PEDALS AND PISTONS – A CHANCE TO IMPROVE YOUR ORGAN-PLAYING SKILLS

Are you a pianist who has been persuaded to play the organ for church services? Or a more experienced player who would like to brush up their skills and find some new repertoire?

The Royal School of Church Music's **courses for church organists** are ideal for students at all levels, and provide an opportunity to learn in small groups in a sympathetic environment. This year's courses in Salisbury and York are being directed by tutors from the RSCM's *Church Music Skills* programme, who are familiar with the demands made of church organists in the weekly schedule of services and choir practices.

Gerard Brooks directs the course at Sarum College in **Salisbury** from 6th to 9th April 2010. He is Director of Music at Methodist Central Hall in London, and is also a concert organist, recording artist and teacher. This course includes the chance to play the 'Father Willis' organ in Salisbury Cathedral, as well as wide-ranging tutorials and seminars. The course based at **York** St John University from 14th to 17th June 2010 will be directed by Daniel Moul, a busy tutor and concert organist who regularly accompanies the RSCM's Millennium Youth Choir.

These courses will also provide an opportunity to sample the new series of three organ tutors published by the RSCM called ***The Complete Church Organist***. These graded volumes provide guidance not only with the technical aspects of playing the organ, but with playing hymns and accompanying a choir.

Visit the RSCM website at www.rscm.com/courses for more details of these courses and other Training Days in Birmingham and London.

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Notes for Editors

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