



News Release from the Royal School of Church Music

ONE YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION EQUIVALENT TO SIXTY-SEVEN MINUTES OF PREMIER LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

One year's subscription as a Friend of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) "is equivalent to watching sixty-seven minutes at a premier football match", according to Lindsay Gray, the newly appointed director of the RSCM. Mr Gray was speaking at the charity's annual Celebration Day service which took place last Saturday in Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral. The RSCM, which supports church music in the UK and throughout the world, is relaunching its Friends' scheme.

Over 650 singers of all ages from 55 church choirs in the north-west and north Wales, sang music at the service ranging from Stanford to Graham Kendrick. During the service, honorary awards were presented to leading church musicians, including Prof Dr Ian Tracey, the Anglican cathedral's Organist Titulaire, the singer/songwriter Graham Kendrick, Dr David Hill, chief conductor of the BBC Singers, Canon James Lancelot (Master of the Choristers and Organist at Durham Cathedral) and Bill Ives (Organist and Informator Choristarum at Magdalen College, Oxford).

The singers were directed by former King's Singer Brian Kay, who is a Vice President of the RSCM.

Ends

19 May 2008

NOTES TO EDITORS.

Photographs from Celebration Day can be downloaded from the RSCM website, or requested from Heather Bamber at the number below.

- Full details of the Celebration Day, including music can be found at http://www.rscm.com/ukIreland/cel_day_2008.php
- Awards criteria can be found here http://www.rscm.com/about_us/awards.php
- A full list of awards can be found at http://www.rscm.com/assets/info_resources/media/HonAwards08.pdf

The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) is an educational charity and 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 small team of staff based throughout the UK. One year's Friend's subscription to the RSCM is £25. Individual membership and church/school affiliation is also available.

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