



News Release from the Royal School of Church Music

Professor John Harper appointed Emeritus Director

The Council of the Royal School of Church Music has conferred the title of 'Emeritus Director' on Professor John Harper, in recognition of his contribution to the organisation over the past ten years.

Professor Harper retires as Director of the RSCM at the end of December 2007. He is now Director of the new International Centre for Sacred Music Studies at Bangor University, where he also continues to be RSCM Research Professor. His association with Sarum College in Salisbury, home of the RSCM administrative office, continues with his role there as Visiting Scholar.

From 1 January until 30 April 2008 the acting Chief Executive of the RSCM will be Julia Harrison Place, and the acting Deputy Chief Executive will be Sue Snell. Lindsay Gray will take up the post of Director of the RSCM on 1 May 2008.

ENDS

19 December 2007

Notes for Editors:

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.

For further information about the RSCM, go to the website
Photographs for media use are available from the Media & Picture Gallery

www.rscm.com

<http://www.rscm.com/media>

For further media enquiries contact:

Stuart Robinson:
srobinson@rscm.com

RSCM Media Relations Organiser
07831 827701 / 01492 556378

OR

Heather Bamber:
hbamber@rscm.com

RSCM Marketing & Communications Administrator
01722 424847 or 07786 331364