



News from the Royal School of Church Music

RSCM marks anniversary of distinguished former Director.

The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) is to mark the 30th anniversary of the death of one of its most distinguished directors, in a special service to be held in Bristol next month (Saturday September 19th). After working for many years with Sir Sydney Nicholson, founder of the RSCM, Dr Gerald Knight CBE was appointed as the second director in 1952, and held the post for 20 years.

The celebration of Dr Knight's life and work will be a service of Choral Evensong in St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on **September 19th at 4:30pm**, and will be sung by the RSCM Midlands and South West Cathedral Singers, which draws choristers from RSCM affiliated churches from the region.

The music will include compositions and arrangements by Dr Knight, including "O Saviour of the world", a previously unpublished anthem which was discovered in the RSCM Archives by the Honorary Librarian Dr John Henderson. "Gerald Knight was a key figure in the development of the RSCM's work in supporting organists and choristers," says Dr Henderson. "He was the second most important person in the organisation's history, after the RSCM's founder, Sir Sydney Nicholson."

During the service, an address will be given by Brian Anderson, a former Regional Director of the RSCM. All will be welcome to attend the service says Dr Henderson. "There are still many older members of the RSCM who will remember Dr Knight when the headquarters were at Addington Palace near Croydon; it will be good to see them."

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 8,500 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. More at www.rscm.com

The RSCM Midlands and South-West Cathedral Singers is a training choir which sings services to a high standard at cathedrals, abbeys and major churches in the Midlands, West and South-West of England and South Wales. It draws young choristers (aged 9 and above) and adults from RSCM-affiliated churches across the region.

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