



News Release from the Royal School of Church Music

MILLENNIUM YOUTH CHOIR COMING TO EDINBURGH AND DUNBLANE.

DIARY MARKER: 26 AUG – 2nd SEPTEMBER.

The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) Millennium Youth Choir (MYC) will be singing during the Edinburgh Festival in the last week of August. Their schedule includes a concert in St Giles' Cathedral, singing daily choral services in St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, and a live broadcast on BBC Radio 3. And they're launching a CD produced by composer John Rutter.

Since its foundation in 2000 at the suggestion of Dr George Carey, then Archbishop of Canterbury, the RSCM Millennium Youth Choir (MYC) has made a name for itself with concerts all over the British Isles as well as television and radio broadcasts. The MYC is in Edinburgh for its Summer course which lasts a week during the last full week in August. Their hectic schedule of daily singing culminates in a live broadcast on BBC Radio 3 of Choral Evensong on September 2nd from Dunblane Cathedral.

Those attending services and concerts in Edinburgh sung by the MYC will have the opportunity to hear them singing works from their new CD "Out of the Stillness" which was recorded earlier this year, and produced by composer John Rutter. He said: "Here is a young choir whose freshness and commitment truly bring life and excitement to contemporary church music."

The choir of forty young adults aged between 16 and 23 come from all over the UK and meet three times a year. Their conductor, David Ogden, says they work well together as a team. "The CD contains some fantastic singing which will both excite and inspire the listener. It contains some big bold brassy pieces along with more reflective anthems and some favourites of the choir. One piece 'Living in holy city' by the Canadian composer Stephen Hatfield features two members of the choir singing and playing percussion at the same time- a first for an RSCM choir!"

The schedule of concerts and services is as follows:

Sun 26 th Aug	6pm	"St Giles at Six" Concert in St Giles' Cathedral
Thu 30 th Aug	8pm	Concert in St Andrew's & St George's Church, Edinburgh
Mon 27 th - Fri 31 st Aug	5.30pm	Choral Evensong in St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral
Sun 2 nd Sep	10.30am	Eucharist in St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh
Sun 2 nd Sep	4pm	Live broadcast: BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong, Dunblane Cathedral

Ends.

17 August 2007

Notes for Editors

You are welcome to send a reporter / photographer to any of the concerts and services, or to report on the course which is taking place all week. It would be much appreciated however, if this could be arranged in advance. Contact details below.

FOR REVIEW. *OUT OF THE STILLNESS* is published by the RSCM: Please send requests for review copies to Heather Bamber (contact details below).

The RSCM Millennium Youth Choir was founded in 2000 at the suggestion of Dr George Carey, the then Archbishop of Canterbury. It offers special opportunities to young singers aged 16 – 23 to sing the widest and most exciting range of sacred music to the highest standards. Residential courses of approximately 4–6 days are held during school and university holidays, and include individual musical and vocal tuition, services and public concerts. Entry to the choir is by audition. More information about RSCM Millennium Youth Choir can be found at www.rscm.com/myc.

The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM), which is celebrating the 80th anniversary of its foundation this year, 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. More at www.rscm.com

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