



News Release from the Royal School of Church Music

“The mission (should you choose to accept it) is to stage a musical in only four days...”

That’s the invitation to young people in the UK; to be part of a residential course run by the Royal School of Church Music in the Whitsun half-term break.

The musical is called ‘*Crikey Moses!*’ by Sheila Wilson. A fun and thought-provoking musical about Moses, Pharaoh, the bulrushes, the burning bush, the plagues, the ten commandments and more! Those who take part in the course will not just be singing; there’s dancing, acting, costume and prop making and there’ll also be games and film evenings to relax and get to know each other. It is ideal for children aged about 8 to 13.

This is the first RSCM course of its kind. “It’ll be quite a challenge,” says Leah Perona- Wright, the course director. “But it will be great fun and bring together the skills and abilities of the participants to produce a fabulous final performance of ‘*Crikey Moses!*’ for the parents and families to watch at the end of the course.”

The course called “Let’s make a musical” takes place during the Whitsun half-term holiday from Monday 28th until Thursday 31st May 2007 at Stowe School in Buckinghamshire. The cost of the residential course is £265 (£220 for RSCM affiliates and individual members).

“There is plenty to do,” says Leah. “Those on the course can take a part in the chorus, or take a small speaking part if they would like, but there is no pressure on anyone to do more than they feel comfortable with.” Leah Perona-Wright, who directs a youth choir herself, is convinced that being part of a project such as this is a confidence building experience. “It will allow those taking part to develop their singing, dancing and acting abilities and just relax and enjoy being on stage! I hope that lots of young people will accept the seemingly impossible mission; come and join me for four days and turn some musical mayhem into a fantastic final performance of ‘*Crikey Moses!*’”

For further enquiries or to book a place contact: The Royal School of Church Music, 19 The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 2EB, UK, email courses@rscm.com, telephone 01722 424844.

Ends.

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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 www.rscm.com

You are invited to send a reporter / photographer / camera-crew to the course. However, it would be much appreciated if this could be arranged in advance.

Photographs, of Leah Perona-Wright and of a children's choir rehearsing a musical, are available for downloading and publication from the RSCM website:
www.rscm.com/media.

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