



News Release from the Royal School of Church Music

Royal School of Church Music to be featured on Songs of Praise.

An edition of BBC TV's popular Songs of Praise programme will celebrate the work of the Royal School of Church Music, which this year celebrates the 80th anniversary of its foundation. The special programme of music and interviews will be broadcast on BBC One on Advent Sunday 2nd December.

The recording of hymns and other music for the programme will take place in Hexham Abbey, Northumberland on Thursday November 1st. A large choir of singers from all over the north of England is being assembled for the occasion. There may still be some tickets available, and anyone wishing to take part should apply to the BBC for free tickets before the end of July. The conductor will be the concert organist Dr Gordon Stewart, a former Director of the RSCM Millennium Youth Choir.

Anyone wishing to take part in the Hexham Abbey recording should write by 1st August to Songs of Praise (RSCM), Room 5012, BBC, Oxford Road, Manchester M60 1SJ, or phone the Songs of Praise Ticket line on 0161 244 3269. Tickets will be posted in September but the BBC has pointed out that it cannot guarantee places for this recording.

Ends.
10 July 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 www.rscm.com.

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