



News from the Royal School of Church Music

## **YORK CHURCH ORGANISTS COURSE, 13-16<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

**Are you a pianist who has been persuaded to play the organ for church services? Or a more experienced player who would like to brush up their skills and find some new repertoire?**

An opportunity for church organists of all levels to spend a few days improving their playing comes to the North of England in June. The popular course for church organists organised by the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) takes place this year from 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June in York, and places are still available.

The residential course, which is based at York St John University, features a wide range of tutorials, given in small groups, suitable for those who have just begun playing as well as for those with more experience. Tuition includes the use of stops and pedals, playing for services, new repertoire and improvisation. Participants will have the opportunity to play a variety of instruments including the organ in York Minster, and the programme will include seminars and recitals.

The course is directed Daniel Moulton, who is a busy concert organist and a popular tutor. He is a Senior Tutor for the RSCM's *Church Music Skills* programme, of which this course in York is a part. He is also editor of *The Complete Church Organist* series of organ tutors published by the RSCM - *Level Two* of this series will be published shortly. For the duration of the course Daniel will be joined by a team of experienced tutors. All participants will have the opportunity to play a wide variety of organs in York, and everyone has a chance to 'have a go'.

Previous participants have been enthusiastic about RSCM organ courses. One clearly benefited from meeting others who are like-minded: "The best thing was to feel part of the community of organists". Another said, "I did not feel pressured, but was encouraged, which does wonders for self-esteem".

Further information can be found at [www.rscm.com/courses](http://www.rscm.com/courses). To book a place on this course telephone the RSCM on 01722 424843 or email [education@rscm.com](mailto:education@rscm.com). The course is also available to non-residents.

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## Notes for Editors

**The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM)** is an international ecumenical charity that educates, supports and enables musicians, composers and clergy in promoting sacred music in churches, schools and the wider community. The RSCM publishes music and training resources (such as its popular *Voice for Life* training scheme for singers of all ages), and organises a wide range of courses, short workshops and activities. With over 8,000 affiliates, members and friends in over 40 countries it is supported by over 600 volunteers in area committees and a small team of staff based throughout the UK. More at [www.rscm.com](http://www.rscm.com)

See more about Daniel Moulton at [www.danielmoulton.com](http://www.danielmoulton.com).

**Photographs taken at previous courses are available for publication.** Go to the Picture Gallery on the RSCM's website [www.rscm.com/media](http://www.rscm.com/media). Please contact us if you would like alternative images. There is no charge but please credit the Royal School of Church Music.

**You are welcome to send a photographer / reporter during the course; please contact us in advance.**

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