



RSCM Scotland Interim Newsletter – July 2008

Welcome to another interim Newsletter. We have a few events coming up in the Autumn so this is early notification so that you get put dates in your diaries.

Many of you will have heard that the auditions for our new choir **RSCM Scottish Voices**, directed by Frikki Walker, are underway and maybe you have already auditioned. If you haven't, why not contact the RSCM Scottish Voices Administrator, Mary McNicol (mary_soprano@fsmail.net)? The choir will be meeting for a short residential course at Strathallan School on 2-3 August. If you are not too sure about whether you will fit in, why not come along and have a go? We may be able to organize your audition there too. The cost is £65 per person (including accommodation) and Mary has all the details.

Latest news – we have fixed the **RSCM Scotland Triennial Festival** date. It will be held on Saturday 6 June 2009 in St Columba's Cathedral, Oban. Our director will be Timothy Noon, the Director of Music at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. We hope to have a booklet available at the beginning of next year, so look out for a spate of "Sing Columba" events in the spring, as we get together to look at the music. And looking ahead to the Triennial

The committee is looking for nominations for **RSCM awards** to be presented at the service. If you know of someone who might deserve an Award, please contact Pat or Matthew to discuss the matter.

If you haven't been to any of our events before, why not give one a go? We realise that some of our venues are difficult for many of you to travel to so, if you see something you like the sound of, why not contact Pat (pat@rscmscotland.org) to discuss a more convenient venue?

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What's on in Scotland

Monday–Thursday 4-17 July 2008 **Dunblane Singing Break** *only a few places left!*

Four days of singing in Dunblane: Scottish Churches House and the Cathedral with Gordon Appleton, Matthew Beetschen and Chris Broughton.

Price: £237 (£285 non-members); Non-residential price: £164 (£210 non-members).

Please note that most of the rooms at Scottish Churches House have been booked although it is possible to stay at other local accommodation.

Contact dunblanesingingbreak@rscmscotland.org

Saturday 2 August – Sunday 3 August 2008 **Residential Singing Course**

An opportunity for members and potential members of RSCM Scottish Voices to gather together at Strathallan School under the directorship of Frikki Walker. Price £65 to include tuition, accommodation and meals.

Contact Mary McNicol mary_soprano@fsmail.net

Sunday 21 September 2008 **Exploring Music, Worship and Ministry**

A workshop for clergy, musicians and worship leaders of all churches led by Alistair Warwick and Patricia Lynch at Dunblane Cathedral Halls.

Interested in exploring what worship is about? Why we use music in worship?

This event will enable us to look at a number of issues to do with worship:

— What are we doing when we worship?

— What is the role of music in worship? What is my role as a musician or worship leader?

— How do I deal with distractions and expectations?

The afternoon is designed for anyone interested in these issues and will end with a sung Compline in the Cathedral which will be open to all.

Registration will be at 1445 and Compline at 1830. Cost of workshop will be a donation to RSCM Scotland.

Contact Pat 01620 892228 pat@rscmscotland.org

Saturday 1 November 2008 **Dunblane Singing Day**

This year the Dunblane Singing Break returns to Dunblane and will be directed by Mathew Beetschen. We look forward to another afternoon of good music making.

Contact Matthew matthew@rscmscotland.org

Saturday 6 June 2009 **RSCM Scotland Triennial Festival**

St Columba's Cathedral, Oban will be hosting our afternoon of choral music which will be directed by Timothy Noon. Price of attendance will be the purchase of a music booklet.

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