

What's on in Scotland

Saturday 26 April, 1400-1700 **Singing the Psalms**

An afternoon for adults and accompanied young people led by Pat Lynch at St John's, Aberdeen. Contact Pat 01620 892228, pat@rscmscotland.org

Sunday 27 April, 1430-2000 **Cathedral Choral Evensong**

An afternoon of preparation for the Diocesan service with RSCM Scotland led by Andrew Morrisson and Alistair Warwick at St Andrew's Cathedral, Aberdeen. Contact Drummond 07956 552548, drummond@rscmscotland.org

Saturday 24 May **The Sixteen –Choral Workshop in Edinburgh**

See inside Newsletter for details

Saturday 31 May, 1400-1700 **Preparation for Awards**

Led by Matthew Beetschen and Alistair Warwick at St Saviour's, Bridge of Allan, this event is for those thinking about taking either the RSCM Silver or Bronze Awards. Contact Matthew Beetschen matthew@rscmscotland.org

Saturday 7 June, 1400-1700 **Choral Singing**

An afternoon of choral singing for all at St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, led by Frikki Walker. Contact Drummond 07956 552548, Drummond@rscmscotland.org

Saturday 21 June, 1400-1800 **Young Voices Festival**

A festival service for young singers led by Matthew Beetschen at Dunblane Cathedral. Contact matthew@rscmscotland.org

Monday 14 – Thursday 17 July 2008 **Dunblane Singing Break**

Four days of singing and fellowship, based at Dunblane Cathedral and Scottish Churches House, led by Gordon Appleton, Matthew Beetschen and Chris Broughton.

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

Ministry an afternoon workshop for clergy, musicians and worship leaders of all churches, led by Alistair Warwick and Patricia Lynch at Dunblane Cathedral Halls. The afternoon is designed for anyone interested in these issues and will end with a sung Compline which will be open to all. Contact Pat 01620 892228 pat@rscmscotland.org

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RSCM Scotland Newsletter

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This issue is dedicated to the memories of Methven Aitken, Jane Smith and June Samuels whose friends made donations to RSCM Scotland.

Welcome to our delayed Newsletter which was held back so that we can bring you some exciting news. RSCM Scotland has invited Frikki Walker of St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow to form a new choir. You can read all about it in this issue.

If you have received this copy of your Newsletter by post, please be aware that in order to save costs, we will be emailing future editions to members, so please make sure that your name and email address has been reported to Pat (pat@rscmscotland.org). Members who cannot receive emails may continue to receive posted copies but they must make sure that they register with Pat (01620 892228).

Those who came to the Singing Day at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth, will have realised the difficulty organisers have in ensuring that there are enough copies of the music for everyone when large numbers of unregistered people turn up on the day. Please, if you are thinking of attending one of our events, let the contact person know. You are not necessarily committed to come along, but it does give us an idea of how many people to expect.

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?

RSCM Scottish Voices Applications are invited from singers of all voices, aged 16 and over, who have some church choral experience, and are currently resident in Scotland, to join this new choir. It is planned that at a later date, a section for choristers under the age of 16 will be formed. The RSCM Scottish Voices will be conducted by Frikki Walker, who is Organist and Director of Music at St Mary's Cathedral in Glasgow. Frikki, an inspiring musician, is an examiner for the RSCM's Voice for Life scheme, and this year has been awarded Associate of the RSCM (ARSCM) in recognition of his work in music and liturgy in Scotland.

RSCM Scottish Voices will be made up of some of the most experienced and accomplished choristers from all over Scotland, and will perform in a variety of venues around Scotland. It is anticipated that this self-financing choir will perform at least six times per year in different locations throughout Scotland. An inaugural residential rehearsal weekend has been arranged at Strathallan School, near Perth on 2nd and 3rd August.

Initial auditions will be held at St. John's Aberdeen on 26th April and at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow on Saturday 7th June. Other dates will be organised as needed. If you wish to arrange an audition, contact Frikki Walker on 07948 371997 or music@thecathedral.org.uk (*holders of RSCM Bronze, Silver or Gold awards do not need to audition, but should register their interest with Frikki*). See rscmscotland.org for more info.

Young Voices Festival – Following the success of last year's event we will be again holding a Young Voices Festival this year in Dunblane Cathedral on Saturday June 21st. Young people aged approximately 9 – 16 are welcome to attend whether or not members of church choirs. The music will be taken from the RSCM Voice For Life Songbook and the Service will have the theme *Search for Peace*. Please contact Matthew Beetschen (matthew@rscmscotland.org) if a group from your choir would be interested in coming.

Aberdeen It has been a while since we had any RSCM Scotland activity in Aberdeen so we are delighted to announce a visit to the area on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th April. Saturday afternoon sees a workshop on psalm singing and on Sunday we will prepare and sing Choral Evensong. We would love to see as many members as possible at these events so that we can ask what we can do for you in the Aberdeen area.

The Sixteen – Choral Workshop in Edinburgh We have been asked to publicise this event which will take place in Greyfriars Kirk on Saturday 24 May (1-5 pm). This is an opportunity to sing some magnificent but relatively unknown choral music from the Tudor period under the direction of Eamonn Dougan (Assistant Conductor, The Sixteen) as well as take part in discussions on historical context and performance style with Sally Dunkley (founder-member of the group). You will also get discounted tickets to the concert The Sixteen are giving the same evening. To book your place: email ellie@thesixteen.com or telephone 020 7481 1184

Thank you to Mary McNicol and Kirsten Mann who did some fundraising for us. Kirsten writes: *About a year ago Mary and I decided to raise some money for RSCM Scotland. We thought about what we could do and decided that we would make things to sell at the Dunblane Singing Break which we both attend in the summer. So we set to. Mary knitted and sewed and I made jam and marmalade and we arrived at Dunblane with a couple of boxfuls to sell. We set up stall one afternoon at teatime, having asked permission to do so, and sold a lot to the other people on the Course. In total we made £45 which we were able to give to RSCM Scotland.*

We have not been having a great response to our events held in Glasgow. Where are you, Glasgow? We know you are out there! Do you want us to host something different in your area? Please try to attend our Choral singing afternoon in St Mary's Cathedral on 7 June and come and tell us what you think about our events, otherwise please contact Pat Lynch (pat@rscmscotland.org) or 01620 892228.