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## Promoting excellence in church music on the island of Ireland

This is the newsletter from RSCM Ireland. The RSCM works internationally but much of the important work of training and encouraging takes place locally, organised by the Ireland area committee.

### From the Chair

Dear Friends and Followers,

I am delighted that Andrew Reid, RSCM Director will once again be travelling to Dublin to direct the Festival and Awards Service on Saturday 30 September which is taking place at the Pro-Cathedral this year. I urge as many of you as possible to take part on this day: last year's Festival Service was extremely successful and everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed working with Andrew. This year, during the service, there will be a large number of choristers receiving their RSCM bronze, silver and gold awards and it will be very fitting to recognise the achievement of these choristers in this way.



We welcome Elena Herinquez as the newly-appointed co-ordinator for RSCM Ireland. Elena is a dynamic and vibrant person who will bring her enthusiasm and expertise to this important role. She replaces Mark Bowyer, after his sterling service as RSCM co-ordinator, which allows him space to focus on other aspects of his invaluable RSCM committee work.

The RSCM is committed to supporting and developing church music at every level and aims to be as inclusive and welcoming as possible. My wish for this year is that we spread the word about the work of the RSCM to as wide and to as many people as possible so that the RSCM Ireland "umbrella" continues to grow.

*Bleahad Murphy*

### RSCM Awards Exams

**!REMINDER!**

**Closing date for entries: 30 October 2017**

The current syllabus is available to download from our website [www.rscmireland.com](http://www.rscmireland.com) and details can also be found via the

RSCM website at [www.rscm.com/area/ireland/](http://www.rscm.com/area/ireland/)

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## Upcoming Events 2017:

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**Saturday 16 September 3pm – 4.30pm:**

St Michael's Parish, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, BT74 7EW

### **Choral Workshop**

A workshop with the [Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters](#) (USOC) in association with the RSCM, by kind permission of the Parish Priest Mgr Peter O'Reilly. The workshop will be led by Ian Keatley (Director of Music, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin) with Caritas choir (directed by Helen Hamill). There is no charge for this event although donations are appreciated. Contact: Jacqui Dickinson, Email: [awards@rscmireland.com](mailto:awards@rscmireland.com), Telephone: +44 7901 835771.

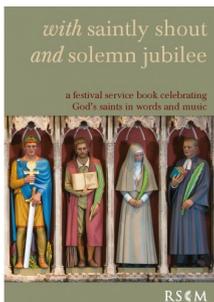


**Saturday 30 September 10.:30pm – 5pm:**

St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough St, Dublin 2

### **Annual Festival Service and Voice for Life Awards Ceremony**

Join us for this day of singing with Andrew Reid, Director of the RSCM, using new music from the RSCM's festival book *With Sainly Shout and Solemn Jubilee*. The day will end with a service using music rehearsed during the day and the Voice for Life awards will be presented.. Please book and pay online via this [Eventbrite](#) link. Ticket prices include light lunch, music (if required) and refreshments.



**Saturday 4 November 2pm – 5pm:**

St Bartholomew's Church, Clyde Road, Dublin 4

### **Come and Sing Requiem**

This now annual event takes place in the beautiful St Bartholomew's Church in Dublin's Ballsbridge. Details will be made available via the website in due course. Further details in due course.



We are currently planning our RSCM events for 2018 so if you have any special requests or ideas for events, workshops or training opportunities, please do get in touch and we'll see what we can do to meet your needs. Please check the website ([www.rscmireland.com/events/](http://www.rscmireland.com/events/)) for the most up to date information.

The RSCM is an educational charity which 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. RSCM Ireland is an administrative region of the RSCM, encompassing the island of Ireland. The work of the RSCM in Ireland is overseen by the Ireland Coordinator and committee in delivering the RSCM's core programmes and publicising its work and mission.

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