



**WE WISH YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
AND A MUSICAL NEW YEAR!**



## NEWS

### THIRD NATIONAL FESTIVAL



The Third Annual RSCM France Choral Festival was held in the American Cathedral in Paris on Saturday 20 October 2018. It was directed this year by David Hill, Director of the London Bach Choir. The Festival attracted about 35 singers, many of whom had travelled some distance to be at the event. The music for the Festival was taken from the RSCM Festival Service Book, 'King of Glory, King of Peace', and included music by Guisepppe Pitoni, Maurice Duruflé, Grayston Ives and Harry Bramma. Malcolm Wisener, from St George's Church, Paris, was the organist.

### SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Once again, it was both a privilege and a pleasure for the RSCM France Singers to be invited to lead the singing at the annual British and Commonwealth Remembrance Service for the Paris Branch of the Royal British Legion in Notre-Dame Cathedral on 11<sup>th</sup> November in this special Centenary year. The 70 singers were drawn from some ten choirs in the Paris area, plus visiting choristers from RSCM NW Europe, and the service featured a newly-commissioned work "My soul there is a country", written by the English composer, Malcolm Archer. The direction of all the music was shared between Zachary Ullery, RSCM France YPO and Canon Director of Music at the American Cathedral, Paris, John Crothers, RSCM France Chairman and Martin van Bleek, RSCM NW Europe Chairman. The accompanist was Sarah Kim. Following the Service, committee members enjoyed a Reception at the British Embassy in Paris, hosted by the Ambassador, Lord Llewellyn.



See website for full report and photos of these events : [www.rscmfrance.org](http://www.rscmfrance.org)

### ORGAN LESSONS

Our Chairman, John Crothers, is offering organ lessons in the Paris area from near-beginners up to experienced level at €35 per hour, a proportion of which will be donated to RSCM France. Please enquire at [rscmfrance@gmail.com](mailto:rscmfrance@gmail.com) or telephone the Secretary on 04 94 50 38 46.

*Our future events are listed below. We do hope you will join us. Our website is updated regularly, where details and booking forms for all events can be found as soon as they are available : [www.rscmfrance.org](http://www.rscmfrance.org).*

*If you would like more information about membership of RSCM France, or about our events, please contact us on [rscmfrance@gmail.com](mailto:rscmfrance@gmail.com).*

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## SINGING DAY

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**Holy Trinity church, av Edouard VII, 78600 Maisons-Laffitte. 23 February 2019. 10.00-17.30**



A Singing Day led by Zachary Ullery, RSCM France YPO and Canon Director of Music at the American Cathedral, Paris. He is also Artistic Director of Les Arts George V, the American Cathedral's arts organisation, Conductor/Musical Director of The Paris Choral Society, and Musical Director for the annual conventions of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe.

We shall be using the RSCM Festival book « King of Glory, King of Peace » for a service of Evening Prayer.

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## HYMN FESTIVAL

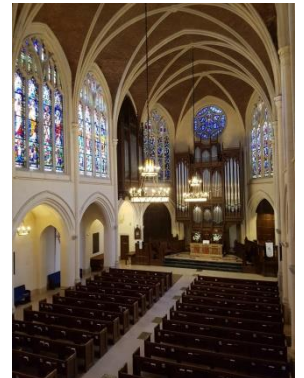
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**American Church, Quai d'Orsay, 75800 Paris. 11 May 2019. 13.00-14.45**

For the first time, RSCM France joins forces with the Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland to present a Hymn Festival, where participants can join in singing some favourites but also learn some very worthwhile new hymns and tunes, which they can take back to their own worship settings.

We're delighted to welcome as Presenter Revd James Dickinson from Chesterfield in the UK. James is a former Executive Committee member of the HSGBI and is an authority on various aspects of English-language hymnody. He will be giving fascinating background information on how the hymns and tunes used came to be written, and participants will be welcome to join in singing, led by a section of the RSCM France Singers under the direction of John Crothers.

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## NATIONAL FESTIVAL

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**American Cathedral, 23 av George-V, Paris 75008. 19 October 2019. 9.30-17.30**



We welcome another illustrious conductor to lead our Festival. Stephen Cleobury CBE will retire at the end of September 2019, after 37 years of outstanding service to King's College and the Choir. During his distinguished tenure of the post he has not only maintained but significantly enhanced King's world famous choral tradition. We are delighted that our Festival will be one of his first appointments after his retirement.

We shall be using the RSCM Festival Book «Where shall wisdom be found ? » to prepare a service of Choral Evensong.

Please come and join us on this special occasion.

See website for details nearer the time: [www.rscmfrance.org](http://www.rscmfrance.org)

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