



THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC

RSCM Honorary Awards

Awards Criteria

The RSCM Council has agreed the following broad criteria as a normative guide when making nominations for awards. Council will continue to exercise its discretion in making awards.

FRSCM (Fellow of the Royal School of Church Music): an award for achievements in church music and/or liturgy of internationally recognised significance, or for exceptional musical and/or liturgical work within the RSCM which has had an impact at a national level.

ARSCM (Associate of the Royal School of Church Music): an award for achievements in church music and/or liturgy of nationally recognised significance, or for important musical and/or liturgical work within the RSCM which has had an impact across several Area Teams.

HonRSCM (Honorary Member of the Royal School of Church Music): an award for exceptional or very significant work within the RSCM which is not primarily musical or liturgical that has contributed to the cause of church music and/or liturgy at international or national levels.

Nicholson Award: an award for significant administrative work as a voluntary officer or member of staff within the RSCM; or an award for a significant contribution to church music and/or liturgy at a local RSCM Area level.

Nominations

Nominations may be submitted by:

- Members of RSCM Council
- Senior RSCM Staff
- Diocesan Representatives
- Area Team Leader or Secretary of an RSCM Area Team
- President or Secretary of RSCM America, RSCM Australia, RSCM Canada, RSCM New Zealand, RSCM South Africa
- Chair or Secretary of a Branch of RSCM America, RSCM Australia, RSCM Canada, RSCM New Zealand, RSCM South Africa

Nominations submitted by any other person must be seconded by one of the above.

RSCM is unlikely to be able to act on every nomination. All nominations should therefore be treated with total confidentiality.

Nominations must be received by 1 December each year.

All nominations will be acknowledged. If acknowledgement has not been received by the end of the first working day after 1 December, please contact the RSCM Centre immediately after that date to check whether the nomination has been safely received.

Award Ceremonies

FRSCM, ARSCM, HonRSCM and Nicholson Awards will normally be awarded at a national RSCM celebration in the UK.

Awards relating to members of RSCM America, RSCM Australia, RSCM Canada, RSCM New Zealand and RSCM South Africa may be presented at a significant local body event in their own country, such as a national or branch festival or summer school if the recipient is unable to travel to the UK to receive the Award.

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