

RCO

PURPOSE

1. Professional body accrediting organists and choral directors
2. Education of organists and choral directors
3. Learned body
4. Society

ROYAL CHARTER

- to promote and advance the arts and practice of organ playing and choral directing and related activities to the highest standards of competence and artistry
- to set and maintain proper standards in such arts for the benefit of the public
- to educate musicians in such arts and practices
- to promote study and research in such arts and practices;

QUALIFICATIONS

- CertRCO – Certificate
- ARCO – Associateship
- FRCO – Fellowship
- DipCHD – Diploma in Choral Directing
- LTRCO – Licentiateship in Organ Teaching

CERTIFICATE

- Introduced 2002
- Revised syllabus for first examination from July 2008

CertRCO

- Aimed at
 - the amateur player with some experience of playing in public and at the developing student
 - An excellent but non-obligatory foundation for ARCO
- Success indicates
 - a standard of reliable and confident musicianship in public performance
 - confidence in keyboard skills
 - proficiency in aural and theory

CertRCO - Practical

- Play three pieces chosen from four lists
(one must be by JS Bach)
- Keyboard Skills
 - Transposition or Figured Bass
 - Hymn Playing
 - Sight Reading

CertRCO Written Paper

Qu 1

Aural Perception

dictation and perception

Qu 2

Music Techniques

Bach chorale and 18th-C 2pt counterpoint

Qu3

Organ Repertoire/Set Works

score annotation and essays

RCO EDUCATION – 4 fields

- Outreach – attracting new players and audiences
- Young Organists
- Examination preparation
- Continuing professional development

SUPPORT FOR EXAM CANDIDATES

- Regular study days in London
- 3-day course after Easter
- Materials on website www.rco.org.uk

PARTNERSHIPS

- **St Giles International Organ School**
Based at St Giles Church Cripplegate but with teachers working all over London (and the UK)
Students of all ages, from 10 – 80+
- **Oundle for Organists – young players**
Easter and summer courses in Oundle
Get Ahead inspiration days – 3 per year – one in London

ST GILES INTERNATIONAL ORGAN SCHOOL

- www.organschool.com
- Tailor-made individual tuition
- Regular Saturday group events

RCO/St Giles Summer Course

- Summer Course for Organists

Monday 4 – Saturday 9 August 2008

Includes church music strand

Individual tuition

Masterclasses

Help with exam preparation

An Essential Course!