

## DEAN'S (BRONZE) AND BISHOP'S (SILVER) AWARDS INFORMATION

The scheme is designed to encourage singers to achieve a high standard of vocal technique and musicianship. It is intended that the Dean's and Bishop's awards are used in conjunction with the RSCM *Voice for Life* scheme. The *Voice for Life* scheme enables singers to develop their musical skills and understanding within the context of their choir or singing group. The area awards scheme provides opportunities for that development to be affirmed beyond the singer's own church, through the RSCM's regional network.

Successful candidates are entitled to wear the prestigious medal, cast in bronze or silver according to the standard achieved (The Dean of Southwell's Bronze Award or The Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham's Silver Award). The Bronze medal is worn with green ribbon, the Silver medal with purple ribbon.

The awards are open to singers of all ages and denominations, and the syllabus has been carefully compiled with this in mind.

### Examinations

These will be held twice a year (usually in May and September). Successful candidates will be presented with their medallion and certificate at the Diocesan Choirs Festival.

### Enquiries/Entries

Enquiries should be sent to the Area awards administrator: Mr. Peter Price, 35 Wadham Road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham. NG5 4JB Tel: 0115 9524353, email: [pcprice@ntlworld.com](mailto:pcprice@ntlworld.com)

To check the forthcoming dates of examinations, please download a copy of this year's Awards Entry Form from the Area page on the RSCM website [www.rscm.com](http://www.rscm.com)

### Structure and distribution of marks

The structure of this award reflects that of the *Voice for Life* scheme. There are five sections, only four of which are examined. (Section D, which is not assessed during the examination, is satisfied by means of an appropriate testimonial to be submitted with the candidate's application.) The marks are distributed as follows:

A	Using the voice well	50%
B	Musical skills and understanding	20%
C	Repertoire	10%
D	Belonging to the choir	[testimonial]
E	Choir in context	20%

The pass mark is 60%. In order to pass, candidates should demonstrate consistency throughout the examination, though a pass mark in every section is not required. Successful candidates will be classified as follows:

85%+	Distinction
75%+	Merit
60%+	Pass

### Other Information

Copies of *Voice for Life* books and all the music required may be readily purchased from RSCM Music Direct, tel 0845 021 7726, fax 0845 021 8826, [musicdirect@rscm.com](mailto:musicdirect@rscm.com), [www.rscm.com/shop](http://www.rscm.com/shop)

The RSCM Gold Award syllabus, for candidates obtaining a Distinction or Merit at Silver standard, may be obtained from RSCM Education, 19 The Close, Salisbury SP1 2EB or downloaded from [www.rscm.com](http://www.rscm.com)