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### Course Staff

David Briggs, Music Director  
Robert Ridgell, Organist  
Hugh Davis & Kevin Kerstetter,  
Course Managers  
Pam Hair, Head Proctor  
Diane Caruso & Karen Harmon,  
Treble Housemasters  
The Rev. Nancy Allison, Chaplain  
Marilyn Neely, Registrar  
Ely Yarbrough, First Aid  
Jack Neely, Webmaster

### Course Participants

40 girls (age 10–18)  
25 adults (men and women)  
1 Organ Scholar (apply to Course  
Managers; no fees for Scholar)

### Course Fees

\$540 (includes lodging and all  
meals) for registrations received by  
April 1, 2012

\$565 after April 1

\$390 for commuting adults

\$25 discount for individual RSCM  
members

Course music purchased separately  
by each participant

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RSCM CAROLINA COURSE  
FOR GIRLS AND ADULTS  
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Carolina Course for Girls & Adults 2012

The Royal School of Church  
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## CAROLINA COURSE FOR GIRLS & ADULTS

July 9–15, 2012

Raleigh, North Carolina





## THE RSCM CAROLINA COURSE AT SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

### David Briggs, Music Director

David Briggs is Organist Emeritus of Gloucester Cathedral, where he directed the music for eight years. While at Gloucester, he directed the Three Choirs Festivals, conducting some of the UK's finest singers and professional orchestras. A gifted and inspirational teacher, David gives masterclasses at Oxford and Cambridge. He now lives in Ipswich, Massachusetts.

In addition to being a conductor and prolific composer, he is an internationally renowned organist who has built a worldwide reputation as an innovative musician and dazzling performer. Mr. Briggs will play an organ concert on the Friday evening of the Carolina Course.

Mr. Briggs is thrilled about working with the girls, men and women of the Carolina Course. He has selected music by Stanford, Elgar, Wood, Lauridsen, Rose and Briggs for the Course's closing Eucharist and Choral Evensong.

### Join us for an extraordinary week of music making

Saint Mary's School in Raleigh provides a beautiful setting for the Carolina Course, which offers an exceptional choral experience for all singers.

Girls will enjoy inspiring and challenging rehearsals, as well as fun recreation with friends. Workshops will be offered for adults on a variety of topics, including the RSCM's Voice for Life choir training program.

Closing services will be held at Raleigh's historic Christ Church and St. Michael's Episcopal Church, where a new Nichols & Simpson pipe organ was recently installed. We invite applications for the organ scholar position. This will be a unique opportunity for a college-aged organist to be coached by Mr. Ridgell and be immersed in the process of preparing music for liturgy.

Visit the Carolina Course website for registration forms, the repertoire list, and more detailed information.

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### Robert Ridgell, Course Organist

Robert P. Ridgell, one of America's highly acclaimed church musicians, is the Director of Music of the historic Cathedral of Saint Paul in the Twin Cities. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Ridgell was Organist and Director of Music Education of Trinity Wall Street, NYC. He has held positions in cathedrals and churches throughout the United States including the Cathedral of the Madeleine, Salt Lake City and the Cathedral Church of the Savior, Philadelphia.

A native of Charlotte, NC, Mr. Ridgell began his organ study with David Lowry, then attended Indiana University School of Music (Bloomington) where he studied with Marilyn Keiser. Mr. Ridgell graduated from Westminster Choir College with his Master of Music degree. At Westminster, he studied with Stefan Engels. Mr. Ridgell studied organ improvisation in Germany, during which time he was a finalist in the American Guild of Organists National Competition in Organ Improvisation.