



PRESS RELEASE

Subject: Lord Faulkner of Worcester to present Medallions to Girl Choristers

Venue: Worcester Cathedral

Date: Saturday 19th September 2009, 5.30pm

As the Foundation for Sport and the Arts approaches 2012, which marks not only its twenty-first birthday but also the end of its activities, the trustees have been looking for opportunities to fund activities through which the Foundation's name will live on. The trustees have also been anxious to assist in the development of girl choristers and choirs in our great Cathedrals, and so the chance to achieve both these aims by supporting the excellent work that has been underway at Worcester with a lasting bursary award was keenly grasped. The Foundation is delighted to be able to help such a worthwhile cause. Lord Faulkner of Worcester, who is a trustee of the Foundation for Sport and the Arts, said 'I am delighted to be at the service to present the medals to the Cathedral's girl choristers. The Foundation has donated £50,000 to help Worcester Cathedral establish an endowment fund for girl choristers, and we regard this as money very well spent. Their singing gives pleasure to thousands and we are pleased to help establish such an important and fine musical tradition.'

The presentations by Lord Faulkner will be at the 5.30pm Evensong on Saturday 19th September. Press photographers are welcome by arrangement.

The Cathedral's girl choristers are drawn from school years 9 to 13, and attend a variety of local schools. They sing on Saturdays or Sundays with the gentlemen of the cathedral choir. There are currently vacancies for girls in years 9 and 12.

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