

Royal Philharmonic Society

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

7.00pm Tuesday 12 May 2026

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Philharmonic Society to be held at the Waldo Williams Suite of Friends House, 173–177 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12 May 2026 for the transaction of the following business.

1. Minutes

To approve, by ordinary resolution, the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 15 May 2025.

2. Annual Report and Accounts

To receive, and adopt, the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2025, as approved by the Board of Trustees.

At the meeting, James Murphy (Chief Executive) will give Members an overview of achievements within the Annual Report.

As per the Articles of Association, Members are invited to approve appointments to the RPS Board of Trustees and Council.

3. Trustees

The current term of Angela Dixon ends at this meeting and she is eligible for re-appointment. The Board co-opted Kenneth Olumuyiwa Tharp and Joseph Middleton as Trustees in-year and now nominates them formally for Members' approval. The Board proposes that Trustee Rikesh Shah continues in the role of Honorary Treasurer. Sarah Gee stands down from the Board at this meeting.

To approve, by ordinary resolution, the Board's nomination for the following appointments on the RPS Board of Trustees:

- a) To re-appoint Angela Dixon
- b) To appoint Joseph Middleton
- c) To appoint Kenneth Olumuyiwa Tharp
- d) To re-appoint Rikesh Shah as Honorary Treasurer

As Sarah Gee stands down from the Board, a new Honorary Secretary will be co-opted from among the Trustees in due course.

4. Council

The current terms of Helena Gaunt, Jess Gillam, Sam Jackson and Stephen Hough end at this meeting and each is eligible for re-appointment. The Board co-opted Leon Bosch and Roderick Williams as Council members in-year and now nominates them formally for Members' approval. The Board proposes to retain the expertise of former Trustee Sarah Gee through a term on the Council. The Board proposes Council member Leanne Langley continues in the role of Honorary Librarian. Anthony Bolton, Edward Blakeman and Gillian Moore stand down from the Council at this meeting.

To approve, by ordinary resolution, the Board's nomination for the following appointments on the RPS Council:

- a) To re-appoint Helena Gaunt
- b) To re-appoint Jess Gillam
- c) To re-appoint Sam Jackson
- d) To re-appoint Stephen Hough
- e) To appoint Leon Bosch
- f) To appoint Roderick Williams
- g) To appoint Sarah Gee
- h) To re-appoint Leanne Langley as Honorary Librarian

5. Gold Medal

To approve, by ordinary resolution, the Board and Council's nomination of the following musicians to receive the RPS Gold Medal:

- a) Yuja Wang – piano
- b) John Adams – composer, conductor

Members are asked to keep these nominations confidential until the charity is able to fulfil their presentation, if approved.

6. Any other business

Following the main business of the meeting, we present 'RPS In Conversation' with guest RPS Members: pianist Alexandra Dariescu, composer Raymond Yiu, and Sam Jackson, Controller, BBC Radio 3 and BBC Proms. The event will conclude by 8.15pm.

By order of the Board of Trustees
Angela Dixon
RPS Chair
24 April 2026

Voting

Only RPS Members whose subscriptions are fully paid up are entitled to vote. Honorary Members and Life Members have the right to vote and are exempt from paying any current subscription.

Members wishing to vote who cannot attend the meeting in person should appoint the Honorary Secretary as their proxy. To do this, they should complete the proxy voting form [linked here](#), no later than 6pm on Monday 11 May 2026.

Papers

The following papers for this meeting are available for download online www.royalphilharmonicsociety.org.uk/rps-today/annual-general-meeting

- Notice of Annual General Meeting
- Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25
- Draft Minutes of the 2025 AGM

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