

# Dame Sue Bruce appointed Chair of RSN0



Following her retirement from local authority roles earlier this year Dame Sue Bruce DBE has just been appointed Chair of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra (RSNO).

Dame Sue was previously Chief Executive of Aberdeen Council from 2008 and headed up The City of Edinburgh Council from 2011 until earlier this year.

She is also a non-executive director with SSE, Chair of Young Scot and Vice-Chair of SCDI. She is a Burgess of the City of Aberdeen and a member of the Merchant Company of the City of Edinburgh and has recently been appointed a Professor at the University of Strathclyde. Dame Susan is the recipient of many awards, including Chief Executive of the Year in 2013 and UK City Leader of the Year in 2014.

Sue succeeds previous incumbent Dr. Brian Lang, who leaves the post after serving seven years, during which time the organisation experienced a rise in average audience figures to the highest in a generation, undertook a successful tour of China with its Music Director Peter Oundjian, and conceived and delivered on plans to rehome the Orchestra and choruses to a new, purpose-built rehearsal, recording and office space adjacent to the existing Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.

Sue is joined by new board appointment John Heasley, Divisional Managing Director, Weir Power & Industrial, Weir Group plc, who replaces Weir Group plc Chief Executive Keith Cochrane as RSN0 Treasurer. In addition to Cochrane's departure, RSN0 Deputy Chair Stephen Carter OBE also leaves after seven years' service. Finally, Cllr Karen Doran from The City of Edinburgh Council succeeds previous Edinburgh

representative Cllr Norma Austin Hart.



New RSN0 Chair Dame Sue Bruce said: “I am delighted to take up the role of chair of RSN0 – this is a particularly exciting time for our national orchestra and I am looking forward to working with our new Chief Executive Krishna Thiagarajan and the whole team at the RSN0’s new home adjacent to Glasgow’s Royal Concert Hall. I would like to pay tribute to the work of Dr. Brian Lang, the outgoing chair, during whose tenure the new facilities were brought to fruition. The RSN0 has a proud record of excellence whilst at the same time working hard to ensure that the joy of music is widely accessible and I will seek to build upon that strong foundation.”

Newly appointed RSN0 Treasurer John Heasley: “It is with great pleasure that I accept the position of RSN0 Treasurer. It is an honour to be invited to contribute to the governance of such an esteemed arts organisation. I look forward to working with Sue and the rest of the team to further develop the RSN0 on the national and international stage.”

Departing RSN0 Chair Dr. Brian Lang: “I warmly welcome Sue and John to the RSN0. They bring a wealth of experience and expertise, an impressive network of contacts, and the ambition to seek the new achievements that the RSN0 deserves. I leave the RSN0 having greatly enjoyed my seven years with one of the gems in Scotland’s arts and culture crown. Together with newly-arrived Chief Executive Krishna Thiagarajan, the Orchestra is in the hands of a very capable team.”

In October 2015 the RSN0 begins celebration of its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, coinciding with the organisation’s relocation to a new, purpose-built rehearsal and performance space in the centre of Glasgow. For more information on RSN0 concerts and events, visit [www.rsno.org.uk](http://www.rsno.org.uk).