

Patronage

Vice-Regal Patronage

Beginning with His Excellency Earl Grey in 1909, and continuing to the present day, each successive Governor General of Canada has served as Patron of the Royal Canadian College of Organists. The present Patron is Her Excellency The Right Honourable Julie Payette CC CMM COM OQ, Governor General of Canada.

Honorary Patrons

Two eminent British musicians served as Patrons of the Canadian Guild of Organists and Canadian College of Organists, forerunners of the RCCO. Professor Sir J Frederick Bridge, CVO, MA, MusDoc, FRCO, served as Patron from 1909 until his death on March 18, 1924. Sir Walter Parratt, CVO, MA, MusDoc, served as Patron until his death nine days after Sir Frederick, on March 27, 1924. Distinguished musicians Dame Gillian Weir, DBE and Angela Hewitt, CC, OBE presently serve as Honorary Patrons.

Honorary Presidents and Honorary Vice Presidents

Honorary Presidents

Albert Ham, 1920-1935
Herbert A Fricker, 1935-1943
Sir Ernest MacMillan, 1972-1973
Alfred Whitehead, 1973-1974
Eric Dowling, 1977-1991
James Chalmers, 1992-1997
Muriel Stafford, 1998-2004
Markwell Perry, 2006-2009
Norman J P Brown 2010-2014

Honorary Vice Presidents

Sir Ernest MacMillan, 1949-1972
Healey Willan, 1949-1968
T.M. Sargant, 1949-1962
Alfred Whitehead, 1972-1973
Charles Peaker, 1973-1978
Gerald Bales, 1996-2002
Muriel Stafford, 1996-1997
George Veary, 1996-1998
Margaret Drynan, 1998-1999
Markwell Perry, 1998-2005
H Barrie Cabena 2010-
Walter H Kemp 2010-