

Chris Butler
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Novello and Company Ltd



Proposed for re-appointment by Boosey & Hawkes Music Publishers Ltd, David Croft OBE, EMI Music Publishing Ltd, Faber Music Ltd, Edward Gregson, Bill Martin, peermusic (UK) Ltd, Universal Edition (London) Ltd, Universal Music Publishing Ltd, Judith Weir.

Chris Butler has worked in the music publishing industry since leaving Durham University with a music degree in 1984. He held a succession of positions at Chappell Music before joining Novello & Co. as General Manager in 1989. Four formative years at the classical independent ended when Novello was acquired by the Music Sales Group in 1993 where Chris holds the position of Chief Operating Officer.

In tandem with being the leading European player in the business of printed music of all genres, Music Sales also owns an expanding portfolio of copyrights worldwide. In addition to Novello these include catalogues such as Chester Music, G. Schirmer, Edition Wilhelm Hansen, Bosworth & Co, Sparta Florida, Union Musical Ediciones and Campbell Connelly.

As well as publishing many of today's leading writers and composers through conventional channels, Music Sales is at the forefront of new and emerging technologies and pioneering Internet sites including musicroom.com and sheetmusicdirect.com.

Chris is a publisher Board member of the PRS and is the Chairman of the Classical Publisher Committee at the Music Publishers Association. Away from the industry he still finds time to pursue an active musical life and enjoys family life in rural Suffolk.