

Chris Butler
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Publisher Director



Chris Butler has worked in the music publishing industry since leaving Durham University with a music degree in 1984. He held a succession of junior and middle management positions at Chappell Music (later Warner Chappell), before joining Novello and Co. as Director of Operations in 1989. Four 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 and administers an extensive portfolio of copyrights worldwide through a network of wholly owned companies in each of the major territories. In addition to Novello these include Chester Music, G. Schirmer, Edition Wilhelm Hansen, Union Musicales Ediciones, Bosworth & Co, Sparta Florida, Shapiro Bernstein 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 was first elected as a PRS publisher director in 1999 and throughout his time on the PRS Board he has been associated particularly with issues relating to classical music publishers and composers.

Chris was appointed as Chairman of the Music Publishers Association and a director of MCPS in June 2011.