John Rutter

b. 1945



- John Rutter was born in London and studied music at Clare College, Cambridge.
- Much of his early work consisted of church music and other choral pieces including Christmas carols.
- He served as director of music at Clare College from 1975 to 1979.
- Since 1979 he has divided his time between composition and conducting.
- His music has been featured in a number of British royal occasions, including two recent royal weddings.
- In 1981, Rutter founded his own choir, the Cambridge Singers, which he conducts.
- Rutter's music shows the influences of the French and English choral traditions of the early 20th century as well as of light music and American classic songwriting.



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