

## **Andrew McBirnie**

### **Director of Examinations**

Andrew was appointed Director of Examinations at the Royal Academy of Dance in January 2010. Previously he was Chief Examiner in Music for London College of Music Examinations at Thames Valley University, where he also taught on the BMus course.

Subsequently Andrew spent time in the USA, where he was syllabus consultant and North American promotions officer for LCM Examinations, and an adjunct professor in music at Oklahoma City University. He remains a Senior Examiner for LCM Examinations.

Andrew studied music at the University of Bristol, gaining a BA with first class honours, followed by postgraduate study in composition at the Royal Academy of Music. He was awarded a PhD in Composition from the University of London in 1997. He has taught music in the UK independent schools sector, and was Director of Music at The Oratory School, Reading.

As a composer, Andrew has received commissions for performances, broadcasts and recordings by a variety of professional orchestras, ensembles and soloists, both in the UK and worldwide.