



Dear AV Enthusiast

Welcome to the first edition of Festival News.

I am pleased to announce that the 25th Royal Photographic Society International Audio Visual Festival will take place on Saturday 30th September and Sunday 1st October 2023. It will be held in the Tony Troman Theatre, The Royal Photographic Society, RPS House, 337 Paintworks, Arnos Vale, Bristol, BS4 3AR, UK.

The Tony Troman Theatre is a 101 seater auditorium, which has a high quality projector, surround sound, and a 12' 6" by 6' 6" screen, which is proportional to the size of the theatre. The Theatre has comfortable raked seats, each of which has a small built in movable writing table, and the location is only 7 miles from Bristol Airport for our international visitors.

It is fitting that the 25th Festival is being held in the Tony Troman Theatre, as Tony Troman ARPS APAGB, who left a significant bequest to the RPS, was a member of the Committee which arranged the 1st RPS International AV Festival in 1976, with Sir George and Lady Pollock. He served until the 20th Festival in 2012, covering every Committee role, including Chairman in 1994 and 1996. For this he was awarded the RPS AV Group's Dobson Henry Medal in 1998, and he was delighted with a retirement gift which was presented to him at the 20th Festival.

I'm sure that you are aware of the increasing costs of everything, so I am pleased that in having to move the venue, due to date clashes, the cost of the venue has been reduced by over £1,000.00. I am currently in the process of applying for FIAP Patronage. Details of key dates will be sent out in the next edition of Festival News. In the meantime please will you put the dates in your diary.

Finally, I hope you will have noted the impressive new graphic, which has been designed by Andrew Gagg FRPS to reflect the change of venue.

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