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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **Mark Allen completes deal with Rhinegold**

After several months' negotiations, the Mark Allen Group (MAG) is pleased to confirm the acquisition of various Rhinegold assets.

These assets include: *Choir & Organ*, *International Piano*, *Classical Music*, *Teaching Drama* and *Music Teacher*, as well as the annual *British Music Yearbook*, the annual *British Music Education Yearbook* and the *Music & Drama Expos* in London and Manchester.

In a separate deal, MAG has also acquired from DC Thomson the goodwill of *Opera Now*, which previously was under licence to Rhinegold.

Mark Allen said: "We are pleased to have finally acquired these publications. They will add significantly to our current music portfolio which consists of *Gramophone*, *Jazzwise* and *Songlines*. We have exciting plans to develop these Rhinegold titles."

Derek Smith, the owner of Rhinegold, added: "I am delighted that the Rhinegold family has now found a new home within a larger organisation with the resources properly to develop the real potential of these highly respected brands."

Christopher Thomson, a director with DC Thomson, said: "We are pleased that in the Mark Allen Group we have found the perfect owner for *Opera Now*".

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