

WHY BE AN ORGAN SCHOLAR?

A PASSION FOR MUSIC

Being an organ scholar is one of the best opportunities you could have if you are a committed and enthusiastic musician. Organ scholars not only get to be directors, or assist professional directors, of Chapel music; they also have a huge impact on the musical life of their colleges and of the University as a whole. Being an organ scholar offers an unparalleled experience for those who want to engage in music-making to a high standard. It helps develop leadership and management skills which are transferable to any field after University. It gives the chance to learn how to accompany and direct choirs, and hone organ skills, in a highly supportive atmosphere. It provides scope for refining skills in organisation, team work, and relationships. It offers scope for outstanding work beyond the regular timetable, in tours and recordings.

BENEFITS

Beyond all these skills which organ scholars develop, and such ready opportunities, there are practical advantages too. All colleges offer a generous package of remuneration, which - besides direct financial benefit - usually includes a substantial contribution to music lessons, high-class accommodation, and a considerable number of free meals. Organ scholars also benefit from the best undergraduate gowns and an immediate boost to their CV, wherever their future lies.

ASPIRATIONS

Former Oxford Organ Scholars range from Robert Sharpe (Director of Music, York Minster) to Ted Heath (former Prime Minister), to David Stancliffe (retired Bishop of Salisbury). Organ Scholars have many and varied future successes. [September 2016]

FURTHER INFORMATION

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ORGAN AWARDS AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY PLEASE VISIT:

<http://www.music.ox.ac.uk/apply/undergraduate/choral-and-organ-awards/organ-awards/>

ATTEND AN OPEN DAY:

Organ & Choral Scholars' Open Day: 22 April 2017

University Open Day: 16 September 2016
visit college and course websites to find out more



TO FIND AN ORGAN TEACHER PLEASE VISIT:

https://www.rco.org.uk/education_find_teacher.php

TO EXPLORE ORGAN OPPORTUNITIES NEAR YOU:

<http://iao.org.uk/associations/>

TO DISCOVER AN INSTRUMENT NEAR YOU:

consult pages on

<http://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

and look for the symbol



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT:

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YOUNG MUSICIANS

ORGANISTS AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY

ORGANISTS OF ALL AGES

IT COULD BE YOU...

Are you young and love your music and your schoolwork? Are you a Sixth-Former wanting an extra musical challenge? Being an organist is not about whether you have an organ or teacher at your school. We can help you find opportunities wherever and whoever you are. Be inspired to aim for an Organ Scholarship at Oxford University.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO START

It doesn't matter if you are already thinking about university applications - you don't yet play the organ but are interested in it. Sixth-formers and gap-year students can pick up the organ remarkably quickly. And you don't have to be a pro before university: it's all about learning, growing, being enthusiastic - and being able to be organised enough to commit yourself to a wonderful opportunity.

THE REALITY...

...is that some Organ Scholars started playing the organ even after their GCSEs and have thrived with the great opportunities and huge support they have here.



WANT A TEACHER?

The Royal College of Organists can help you find an organ teacher. They also run varied courses throughout the year for aspiring organists.

WANT TO PRACTISE?

There are many churches out there who will welcome people who can help with their music. You don't need to be of any particular faith to seek access to an organ. You may even find yourself with opportunities to earn some income by playing for services, even at a very basic level.

ORGAN FOR ALL AT OXFORD

An Event for Aspiring Musicians, Music Teachers, and Organists

JESUS COLLEGE, OXFORD - 9TH NOVEMBER 2016

10.30am	Registration and Coffee
11am-12.15pm	Have a Go! <i>visit a nearby organ</i>
12.20pm-12.50pm	Light Lunch
1pm-1.50pm	Lunchtime Concert <i>local students perform informally</i>
2pm-3pm	Organ Scholar panel <i>presentations on life as Organ Scholars at Oxford</i>
3.15-4.15pm	From the RCO... <i>what the RCO can offer; some tips on their keyboard tests</i>
4.15-4.35pm	Refreshment break
4.35-5.20pm	Need to Know... <i>before and after gaining an award</i>
6-6.45pm	Evensong <i>sung by Frideswide Voices</i>
6.45-7.10pm	Closing Drinks

"Perhaps the most defining moment of my life was when I decided to take up the organ in Lower Sixth in order to apply for an Organ Scholarship at Oxford. It didn't matter that I was a late starter and not terribly experienced: my tutors clearly saw a bigger picture. At Oxford I learned much more than playing the organ and conducting choirs. I learned how to be a leader."

Tom Hammond-Davies, Conductor

EVENT BOOKING FORM

WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2016

JESUS COLLEGE, OXFORD

Name

Phone / email.....

I wish to attend the Organ For All event at Jesus College, Oxford on Tuesday 9th November.

I am a pupil / teacher / parent (please circle)

(if you are a pupil) I am in Year.....

My (child's) school is.....
We need the name of your (child's) school owing to the University's commitment to outreach and widening access, so we can monitor participation at the event. This information will be stored securely.

I will arrive in time for.....

I have these individual requirements (diet or other)
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Photos will be taken at the event. Anyone not wishing to appear on a photo will need to tell us at Registration. Please note that there is no parking on-site.

There is no charge for this event but if you want to offer a donation to help cover our costs (£12 per person) we would receive it gratefully. Cheques can be made payable to Jesus College, Oxford (*writing on the back ORGAN EVENT 2016*)

Please return this form to:

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