

Grants to aspiring professional musicians in financial need, including:
scholarships, summer schools, specialist lessons, composition

2018-19 NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

2018-19 has been another encouraging fiscal year for the Trust's grant-making and performances. Thank you to all our supporters whose generosity is greatly appreciated.

We hope this newsletter is an informative update of our work. We're always interested to hear about anyone needing support or wishing to find out more, so if we can help please email info@OrganTrust.org or call + 44 (0)20 3143 3040.

Grants

During the financial year the Trust made grants to 5 successful candidates enabling them to:

- Attend the Haarlem Summer Organ School
- Attend the Oundle for Organists Abroad course in Paris
- Attend the Cambridge Summer Organ Course at Moulins / Souvigny, France
- Study full time at the Royal Academy of Music Advanced Performers Course
- Cover fees and expenses towards the ARCO Diploma

The Flentrop Scholarship

Many congratulations to [Alexander Pott](#) (Magdalen College, Oxford) and [Tammis Slater](#) (St Margaret's Church, Ilkley) who will go to Holland in 2019 on our prized **Flentrop Scholarship**. Sponsored by Flentrop Orgelbouw BV, they will travel to Zaandam for an introduction to the craft of organ building and tuning, and for lessons with distinguished Dutch organists. The scholarship is open to organ students studying in the UK or Ireland aged under 25 at the time of taking up the scholarship.

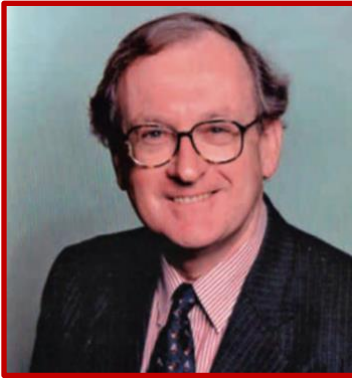
Choir & Organ - Scotland



In the December 2018 issue of **Choir & Organ Magazine**, [Chris Bragg](#) (Organist, St Salvador's Episcopal Church, Dundee) and [Matthew Hynes](#) (Royal Burgh of Ayr Organist) rounded off their *Border Controls* series of articles on organs in Scotland's fine castles and stately homes, where many secrets are concealed; among them are a fine collection of historic organs. Chris and Matthew's series began back in 2016, sponsored by the Eric Thompson Trust.

Recitals

John Hill Organ Series



In May 2018 another successful organ recital series was held at The [Guild Church of St Lawrence Jewry](#), in memory of our former Chairman the late John Hill CBE. The virtuoso recitals delighted our audiences with music ranging from baroque to contemporary.

The young artists who played so magnificently were: [Johannes Skoog](#) (Sweden), [Andrzej Malitowski](#) (Poland), [Nicholas Wearne](#) (UK), [Matthew Jorysz](#) (UK) and [Thomas Gaynor](#) (New Zealand).

We are most grateful to the team at [London Organ Concerts Guide](#) (www.OrganConcerts.co.uk) which has kindly donated £1,000 towards the next series of John Hill Lunchtime Recitals. Thank you!

The **2019** John Hill Organ Series at St Lawrence Jewry:

- 1pm Tue 07 May - Rachel Mahon (Canada)
- 1pm Tue 14 May - Ilaria Centorrino (Italy)
- 1pm Tue 21 May - Katelyn Emerson (USA)
- 1pm Tue 28 May - Ghislaine Rees-Trapp (UK)
- 1pm Tue 04 Jun - Constance Taillard (France)

October Organ Recitals



The Eric Thompson Trust weekly organ recitals are held every October at The Guild Church of [St Lawrence Jewry](#), Guildhall, London. The 2018 recitalists (all former beneficiaries of the Trust) were: [Ourania Gassiou](#) (French Protestant Church, London), [Joseph Fort](#) (King's College London), [Hannah Parry](#) (Freelancer and Composer) and [Stephen Disley](#) (Southwark Cathedral). Their performances were superb. Visit our website or Facebook page for details of our October **2019** lunchtime recitals at St Lawrence Jewry:

- 1pm Tue 01 Oct - Richard Moore (Guildford Cathedral)
- 1pm Tue 08 Oct - Ourania Gassiou (French Protestant Church, London)
- 1pm Tue 15 Oct - Andrzej Malitowski (Church of St Anselm and Cecilia, London)
- 1pm Tue 22 Oct - Robert Smith (York Oratory)
- 1pm Tue 29 Oct - Polina Sosnina (St Martin-in-the-Fields)

Fundraising

Half Marathon



In April 2018 Chairman [Robin Jéquier](#) ran [Devizes Half Marathon](#) in aid of the Trust. Raising an impressive £2,450, he completed the course in 2 hours 10 minutes.

He said, 'It was a beautiful route on a lovely Spring day. Thank you everyone who kindly sponsored me.'

It's still not too late to donate – if you would like to sponsor Robin you can do so at: TotalGiving.co.uk/mypage/robinsrun

Awards



Many congratulations to one of our Patrons, [Nicolas Kynaston](#), on his recent award of **The RCO Medal** for distinguished achievement in organ playing.

Nicolas has an enviable reputation as one of the nation's foremost concert organists.

For further details:

[Click here](#) which takes you to the article on The Royal College of Organists' website.

25 Years of Grant Making

In 2018 The Eric Thompson Trust celebrated its 25th anniversary and continues to campaign to raise awareness, increase the amount of grants and to fund our Annual Award of up to £5,000 p.a. for specialist projects.

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