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The Eric Thompson Trust for Organists and Organ Music is delighted to announce that Daniel Hyde has been appointed a Patron.

In 2019 Daniel was appointed Director of Music at King's College Cambridge. He originally came up to the College in 2000 as the Organ Scholar, subsequently graduating with a First in Music.

He has directed the choirs of Jesus College, Cambridge and Magdalen College, Oxford, and until recently he was Organist and Director of Music at St Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Besides his choral work he is a distinguished conductor and organist; his work has included directing the Britten Sinfonia, the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, the Academy of St Martin in the Fields and the City of London Sinfonia. Remarkably, Daniel Hyde is only the sixth person to hold the post of Director of Music at King's Cambridge since the turn of the 20th century, and only the ninth substantive appointment since 1799.

Daniel said, 'As a student, I was awarded two Eric Thompson Trust Scholarships: to study with the award-winning Danish organist and composer Jesper Madsen, and later with Professor Johannes Geffert in Germany. At the time these unique grants greatly enhanced my studies, and I now look forward to helping the Trust in any way I can.'

Trust Chairman Robin Jéquier commented, 'Daniel Hyde is an outstanding organist and conductor whom the Trustees are proud to welcome as a Patron. We wish Daniel a long and happy association with The Eric Thompson Trust.'

For further information about Daniel visit danielhyde.co.uk/biography

Founded in 1993 in memory of the late Eric Thompson OBE who dedicated his life to music and musicians, The Eric Thompson Trust has made grants to over 100 aspiring young organists in financial need. Awards cover scholarships, summer schools, specialist lessons and composition. For more details visit organtrust.org

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