

PRESS RELEASE

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ERIC THOMPSON TRUST RESPONDS TO COVID-19

Given the impact of Covid-19 and the resultant closure of churches and the ban on recitals, The Trustees of **The Eric Thompson Trust** have become very aware of the financial difficulties faced by young organists.

To help alleviate the loss of income the Trust has therefore made a stand-alone grant to each full-time organ student at the UK conservatoires.

This initiative is in memory of Eric Thompson's widow, Dinah, an inspirational founding Trustee who sadly died last year.

Trust Chairman Robin Jéquier said, 'Dinah Thompson would have been so glad that the Trust is providing this support at such an unprecedented and challenging time, especially for young musicians.'

The Principal of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, Julian Lloyd-Webber commented, 'I am absolutely delighted to hear of these most generous awards which will be of huge help to organ students at this very difficult time.'



The late Eric Thompson OBE

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.

Regular grants cover scholarships, summer schools, specialist lessons and composition.

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