

PRESS RELEASE

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**The
Eric Thompson
Charitable Trust**

**for organists
and organ music**

New Patrons

The Trustees are delighted to announce the recent appointment of two new Patrons of **The Eric Thompson Trust**:

- The world-renowned cellist **Julian Lloyd Webber OBE** currently Emeritus Professor of Performing Arts at Birmingham City University. Interestingly, Julian's father William was a distinguished organist as well as a good friend of the late Eric Thompson.
- and
- RCO Director and former Lord Mayor of London, **Sir Andrew Parmley**, whose career spanned teaching, performing, research, examining, adjudicating, writing, composing and editing. He is Honorary Organist of St James Garlickhythe.

Trust Chairman Robin Jéquier commented, 'A warm welcome to Julian and Sir Andrew, and we wish them both a long and happy association with the Trust.'

School Scholarships

The Trust is very pleased to provide financial support to **Liverpool Blue Coat School Organ Scholarship** scheme over the next five years.

Lee Ward, Director of Music at Liverpool Cathedral and Old Blue, Class of 1983, said, 'Launching a Blue Coat School Organ Scholarship is great not just for the School, but for the City of Liverpool and the UK. Scholars now have the opportunity to play the Blue Coat Willis organ and to practice on Liverpool Cathedral's Willis organ – an unsurpassable chance for students.'

Trust Chairman Robin Jéquier said, 'We congratulate the School on this initiative and wish their organ students every success.'

The Eric Thompson Trust



The late Eric Thompson OBE

Founded in 1993 in memory of 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.

Our regular grants include scholarships, summer schools, specialist lessons and composition.

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