

PRESS RELEASE

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**The
Eric Thompson
Charitable Trust**

**for organists
and organ music**

PETER HOLDER JOINS THE ERIC THOMPSON TRUST



Peter Holder

The Eric Thompson Charitable Trust for Organists and Organ Music is delighted to welcome organist [Peter Holder](#) to the Board of Trustees.

As Westminster Abbey's Sub-Organist Peter covers daily services and state occasions, and accompanies the choir in concerts, recordings and media broadcasts. To attend his live performance of US-inspired organ music at the Abbey, 7pm Tue 2 August, please [click here for tickets](#).

Trust Chairman Robin Jéquier said, 'It's excellent that Peter joins us as we approach the Trust's 30th anniversary next year, and we extend him a warm welcome.' Peter commented that becoming a Trustee '...will bring particular pleasure having been the recipient of two generous awards from the ETT.'

In 1993 [The Eric Thompson Trust](#) was established in memory of the late Eric Thompson OBE who dedicated his life to music and musicians. The Trust is unique in the UK awarding grants, bursaries and scholarships to young organists in need, as well as promoting greater representation of the organ and repertoire.

Despite the pandemic restrictions, 40 ETT awards have been made since 2020. These include hardship grants of £400 to every student learning organ as their main instrument at UK conservatoires during 2020, to offset the impact of Covid.

For its 30th anniversary next year, the Trust will celebrate having supported over 180 aspiring young organists, many of whom now hold key positions in cathedrals, colleges, churches, and schools.

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