

# WHY BE AN ORGAN SCHOLAR?

## A PASSION FOR MUSIC

Being an organ scholar is one of the best opportunities you could have if you are a committed and enthusiastic musician. Organ scholars not only get to be directors, or assist professional directors, of Chapel music; they also have a huge impact on the musical life of their colleges and of the University as a whole. Being an organ scholar offers an unparalleled experience for those who want to engage in music-making to a high standard. It helps develop leadership and management skills which are transferable to any field after University. It gives the chance to learn how to accompany and direct choirs, and hone organ skills, in a highly supportive atmosphere. It provides scope for refining skills in organisation, team work, and relationships. It offers scope for outstanding work beyond the regular timetable, in tours and recordings.

## BENEFITS

Beyond all these skills which organ scholars develop, and such ready opportunities, there are practical advantages too. All colleges offer a generous package of remuneration, which – besides direct financial benefit – usually includes a substantial contribution to music lessons, high-class accommodation, and a considerable number of free meals. Organ scholars also benefit from the best undergraduate gowns and an immediate boost to their CV, wherever their future lies.

## ASPIRATIONS

Former Oxford Organ Scholars range from Robert Sharpe (Director of Music, York Minster) to Ted Heath (former Prime Minister), to David Stancliffe (retired Bishop of Salisbury). Organ Scholars have many and varied future successes. [September 2015]

# FURTHER INFORMATION

## IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ORGAN AWARDS AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY PLEASE VISIT:

<http://www.music.ox.ac.uk/apply/undergraduate/choral-and-organ-awards/organ-awards/>

## ATTEND AN OPEN DAY:

Organ & Choral Scholars' Open Day: 30 April 2016

University Open Days:  
29 June, 30 June,  
16 September 2016  
*visit college and course websites to find out more*



## TO FIND AN ORGAN TEACHER PLEASE VISIT:

[https://www.rco.org.uk/education\\_find\\_teacher.php](https://www.rco.org.uk/education_find_teacher.php)

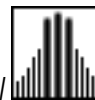
## TO EXPLORE ORGAN OPPORTUNITIES NEAR YOU:

<http://iao.org.uk/associations/>

## TO DISCOVER AN INSTRUMENT NEAR YOU:

*consult pages on*

<http://www.achurchnearyou.com/>



*and look for the symbol*

## FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT:

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# You Don't Have To Be A Pro To Be An Organ Scholar

## START NOW

Not been playing the organ since you could walk? Of course not! Many Organ Scholars only start to learn the organ at a relatively late stage. Playing the organ can be a wonderful future direction for gifted pianists who want to broaden their repertoire or context.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

The Royal College of Organists can quickly help you find an organ teacher for yourself or your pupil. They also run many varied courses throughout the year for aspiring organists.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO PRACTISE

There are many churches out there who will welcome people who can help with their music. You don't need to be of any particular faith to seek access to an organ, and you may even find yourself with opportunities to earn some income by playing for services, even at a very basic level.



## THE REALITY...

...is that some of our best Organ Scholars started playing the organ even after their GCSEs and have absolutely thrived with the great opportunities and huge support that surrounds them here.

"Perhaps the most defining moment of my life was when I decided to take up the organ in Lower Sixth in order to apply for an Organ Scholarship at Oxford. It didn't matter that I was a late starter and not terribly experienced: my tutors clearly saw a bigger picture. At Oxford I learned much more than playing the organ and conducting choirs. I learned how to be a leader."

Tom Hammond-Davies, Conductor

# ORGAN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ALL

*A Half-Day Event for Aspiring Keyboard  
Players, Music Teachers, and Organists  
JESUS COLLEGE, OXFORD – 3RD NOVEMBER 2015*

12.30pm	Registration - <i>Bastion</i>
1pm	Lunch - <i>Bastion</i> <i>sandwiches and networking</i>
1.45pm–2.45pm	Organ Scholar panel - <i>Theatre</i> <i>presentations on life as</i> <i>Organ Scholars at Oxford</i> <i>– especially those who only</i> <i>began learning the organ</i> <i>relatively late</i>
2.45pm–3.30pm	Teachers' Forum - <i>Theatre</i> <i>individual presentations</i> <i>from those who have</i> <i>started pupils learning the</i> <i>organ relatively late</i>
3.30pm–4pm	Refreshment break - <i>Bastion</i> <i>tea/ coffee and networking</i>
4–4.45pm	RCO presentation - <i>Theatre</i> <i>what they can offer to</i> <i>teenagers who would like to</i> <i>learn the organ</i>
4.45–5.30pm	Studying at Oxford - <i>Theatre</i> <i>academic requirements</i> <i>(Music and other subjects)</i>
5.45–6.30pm	Evensong - <i>Chapel</i> <i>Canford School Choir and</i> <i>Jesus College Choir</i>
6.30–7pm	Closing Drinks - <i>Harold Wilson</i>

# EVENT BOOKING FORM

## TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2015

## JESUS COLLEGE, OXFORD

Name .....

Phone / email.....

I wish to attend the Organ Scholarships For All half-day conference at Jesus College, Oxford on Tuesday 3rd November as:

a pupil (age/year...../.....)/ a teacher  
other.....

Do you have any dietary requirements?  
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Do you have any other needs?  
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**There is no charge for this event** but if you would like to offer a donation to help cover our costs (£10 per person) we would receive it with gratitude. Cheques can be made payable to Jesus College, Oxford (*writing on the back ORGAN EVENT 2015*)

*Please note that there is no parking on-site*  
  
*in collaboration with*

*Please return this form to:*  
  
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