



Organist Gerre Hancock instructs a student at a YOC masterclass – Photo by Bill Wieting

The Young Organist Collaborative SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ORGAN LESSONS FOR YOUTH IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AND MAINE

The Young Organist Collaborative encourages and supports young people in learning to play the pipe organ. We are seeking music students, ages 11 - 16, who are interested in studying with a qualified local organist. These lessons will be provided at no cost to first year students.

Requirements:

- Applicants should be between the ages of 11 and 16 as of 9/1/11 and have had at least 2 years of piano keyboard study, in addition to any other instrument you play.
- First year applicants may not be High School seniors.
- YOC will consider applications from students able to study with organists in or near Portsmouth, Concord and Manchester, NH, as well as Brunswick and Portland, ME.
- Applications are due on April 20, 2011 along with a written recommendation by a music teacher.
- Participate in a kick-off event on May 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., which will include a student audition with a demonstration and explanation of pipe organ mechanics at St. John's Church in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.
- Attend 16 lessons with a qualified local organist from September 2011 - May 2012. The lessons will take place at the organist's church or organ studio, perhaps as far as 20 miles from your home area.
- You must be able to practice at least two or three times a week, and your practice organ will likely be at a local or nearby church, but could be farther away.
- Participate in an organ recital on May 12, 2012.

The Young Organist Collaborative will:

- Provide stipends to organ instructors for 16 lessons and master class opportunities.
- Provide Committee members as mentors and to assist students in locating or obtaining practice instruments.

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