

Newsletter



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Student News ...

NDT Scholarship Holder ... FREDDIE JAMES



"For almost a year, I have been studying at the Musikhochschule Stuttgart with Prof. Ludger Lohmann, thanks to the generous support of the Nicholas Danby Trust. I have learned a huge amount from Lohmann, whose encyclopaedic knowledge of the organ repertoire and performance practice, and acute musical ear never cease to amaze me.

"The Hochschule's impressive collection of 11 organs is a tremendous resource. It makes such a difference being able to practise, for example, Frescobaldi on the early Italian meantone organ, Buxtehude on the North German baroque style organ and Franck on the French romantic style organ. Jörg Halubek, my harpsichord teacher, has also given me lots of interesting ideas, particularly about early Italian and French music, and continuo playing.

"Last summer we had a study trip to the baroque organs in Oberschwaben, where I played a Muffat Toccata in concert in Obermarchthal, an abbey by the Danube with a colourful Holzhey organ. Another highlight was giving a recital in Giengen an der Brenz on the Stadtkirche's late romantic Link organ. This organ's vast range of foundation colours makes Reger's music really come alive. The coming months offer a study trip to the Hamburg area to visit north German baroque organs, a class concert in Maulbronn, to perform all Reger's Chorale Fantasias, marking the 100th anniversary of his death, and a festival to commemorate Froberger's 400th birthday organized by the Hochschule and the Stuttgart musical instrument museum."

My UK concerts, 2016:

- St John's College Cambridge Sunday March 6th 18.00
- St Lawrence Jewry, London Tuesday May 3rd 13.00
- Southwark Cathedral, London Monday September 26th 13.10

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In 2015, the Trustees made a discretionary award to JEMIMA STEPHENSON for Post-Graduate studies in Toulouse



"Studying with Professor Michel Bouvard on the famous Cavallé-Coll organ at St Sernin has been inspirational. Michel's challenge to me to become an interpreter, rather than someone who 'just plays notes', began when he asked me to bring back the Franck Chorale I had just played, but play it from memory. This has remained the pattern, and I have no shortage of things to practise! Last term, I had organ lessons with Willem Jansen on the Ahrend (North German style organ) in the glorious 8-second acoustic at Musée des Augustins, which helped me to form my approach to previously untouched corners of Baroque repertoire. I am immensely grateful to Yasuko Bouvard for tolerating my first attempts at the harpsichord, and guiding me on how to take my control of touch and shaping of phrases through subtle rubato and gesture to the next level.

"As well as the main goal of preparing for competitions, other performance opportunities have arisen from making new friends and the support of my teachers, notably a performance of Langlais Messe Solonnelle with the Maîtrise de Toulouse in St Sernin. This term, I've played Holst and Strauss with the fabulous Orchestre National du Capitole de Toulouse in the city's main concert hall. There was also a brief appearance on France 2 in a live televised mass.

"I am so grateful to the Nicholas Danby Trust's generosity in making all this possible."

Events ...

In June 2015, James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers, Westminster Abbey, and one of our distinguished trustees, gave an organ recital on the two organs of Douai Abbey, Nr. Newbury, Berks. This was followed by a reception hosted by the Trustees.

May 3rd 2016, St. Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall
Freddie James will play the opening recital (13.00 -13.45) of the prestigious John Hill Memorial Concert Series. Admission Free. Afterwards, supporters of the Trust are invited to join John Hill subscribers and Freddie for sandwiches and wine.

NEXT YEAR we celebrate the 20th ANNIVERSARY of the NICHOLAS DANBY TRUST!
Details of a special event will be released later in the year.
We hope you will be able to give us your support on this momentous occasion.

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