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NEW ANNUAL AWARD

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. In October 2014 the Trustees of the Eric Thompson Charitable Trust for Organists and Organ Music decided to introduce a prestigious new Annual Award subject to available funding.

2. The purpose of the proposed Award is to broaden the Trust's reach in the field of organ music, while raising further awareness of its core aims.

- Award Value: up to £5,000 p.a.
- Closing Date: 1st June, annually
- Interviews: First Tuesday of July, unless otherwise notified

3. The Award will be publicised through the Trust's networks of prominent musicians and teachers, music colleges, schools, churches and cathedrals.

4. Applications are encouraged from musicians who are passionate about taking on a major project relating to the organ, including candidates in full or part-time study, and those who may have recently embarked on their professional career.

5. The Trustees will consider a wide range of projects, including ones related to study, performance, recording, research and composition. It is intended to attract a high standard of applications, for example:

- Organ students who aspire to study at a Conservatoire, in UK or abroad
- Academics who plan to write a book about the organ or its repertory
- Composers seeking a commission to write a new piece for the organ
- Performers in need of support to make recordings of organ music

6. There is no application form however applicants are asked to submit:

- A written proposal of no more than two sides of A4 that includes:

  a. Applicant's personal contact details
  b. Reasons for, and concise description of, the proposed project
  c. Relevant costs such as study, performance, travel, research, venue, etc

  plus:

- Two character and background references written by professional people

7. The successful candidate will be selected by interview and/or audition as deemed appropriate, following the receipt of applications by the above deadline.

8. Award recipients will be required to keep the Trustees informed of progress of their project as it develops, and to submit a suitably detailed written report on completion.

9. It should be understood that the support of the Eric Thompson Charitable Trust will be acknowledged in all related material, including programmes, sleeve notes, books, articles and websites.