

Intermediate Level: New Organists Scholarship Application for 2010 - 2011

Six free introductory organ lessons

Open to piano students up through high school who are new to the organ
Offered by the American Guild of Organists, Rhode Island Chapter

How to Apply for your Audition

- 1) Write a short statement on why you want to learn to play the organ.
- 2) Ask your piano teacher to write a recommendation.
- 3) Fill out the application form below (make a copy to keep for yourself).
- 4) Send your statement, your teacher's recommendation, and your application, along with a \$5 application fee to: Nancy Nicholson, 90 12th St., Providence, RI 02906 (phone: 401 521-9097). Make your check payable to RIAGO.

We will call you to schedule an audition. It will be informal, with your teacher attending, and will last about 45 minutes.

Note: If accepted into the New Organists Program, you must begin your organ lessons within 30 days of receiving the scholarship and complete them within 6 months. RIAGO will help students find an organ for their practice.

What to prepare for your Audition

- 1) Two short piano solos in contrasting styles (memorization optional). We recommend one of the pieces be in Baroque style, preferably by J.S. Bach.
- 2) A technique sequence, for example, major scales, harmonic minor scales (at least two octaves, ascending and descending), various arpeggios, an etude.
- 3) A hymn or similar piece in hymn style (four-part writing).
- 4) Be ready to sight read a short piece.

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent's name: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Applicant's age: _____ Applicant's year in school: _____

Number of years of piano study: _____

Teacher's name and address: _____

Teacher's phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Piano Solo #1

Title: _____

Composer: _____

Piano Solo #2

Title: _____

Composer: _____