



Oundle International Organ Festival

*and summer school for
young organists*

Honorary Patron: Sir David Lumsden

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Festival Director James
Parsons is Director of
Music at Oundle School,
an academic position

which he combines with a successful recital career
in Britain and abroad as an organist and
harpsichordist.

He was instrumental in securing for Oundle
School the fine Danish Frobenius organ installed in
the School Chapel in 1984. Following upon this he
established the Oundle International Organ
Festival and the Summer School for young
organists.

James Parsons is also a founder-director of the
World Youth Music Foundation, an organisation
dedicated to creating international opportunities
for young people to develop their musical abilities.

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The Oundle formula is non-competitive and unique. Praised and recommended by performers and teachers worldwide, it is recognised for its effective preparation for organ scholarships and international competitions and for its high standards of teaching and creative stimulus.

In the past four years more than twenty four summer school students have won Oxford or Cambridge organ scholarships. Former students came first and second in the 'Under 21' competition at the Paisley International Organ Festival and another was a winner of the British Gas Young Organist of the Year Competition.

Founded in 1985, the Summer School week gives more than 50 young organists the opportunity to be tutored by distinguished organists from around the world, the chance to compare notes and discuss technique with students of the same age and to experience the thrill of playing some of the finest organs in Britain. Recital engagements at cathedrals, Oxford and Cambridge colleges, churches and concert halls are offered to participants.

Through the generosity of many trusts, including The Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, several bursaries are available each year. Emphasising the international character of the Summer School, participants from outside the United Kingdom are actively encouraged to apply. An additional bursary is available to enable a qualifying student from the United Kingdom to travel overseas for further study.

Oundle School is one of Britain's leading co-educational independent schools. Its reputation for high academic standards

ranges from engineering to English, micro-electronics to music. Founded in 1556, the school gained major impetus during the last years of the Victorian era. Its fine buildings, dating from the latter years of the nineteenth century, now blend with modern, purpose-designed facilities.

*Inspiration plus humour: in class and informally tutors
share their enthusiasm.*

