AWARDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

While Oundle courses are non-competitive, the tutors assess your standard, progress and potential. The awards and opportunities offered to large numbers of students can provide far-reaching benefits.

Recitals

Every year we offer selected Summer School students the chance to perform at some sixty prestigious venues. For example, last year we nominated students to play at St Paul's, Westminster Cathedral and King's College Chapel Cambridge, whilst many players in the younger age range received dates at churches and venues all over the country, where local organists, incumbents and parishioners gave them an enthusiastic welcome. Travel expenses (within the UK) at least are paid.

For some, such awards have been the first steps on the ladder leading to prominent success in the organist's profession; for a number of advanced students visiting from abroad, a 'tour' of three or four Oundle award recitals has launched successful international careers.

Students Platform Concert

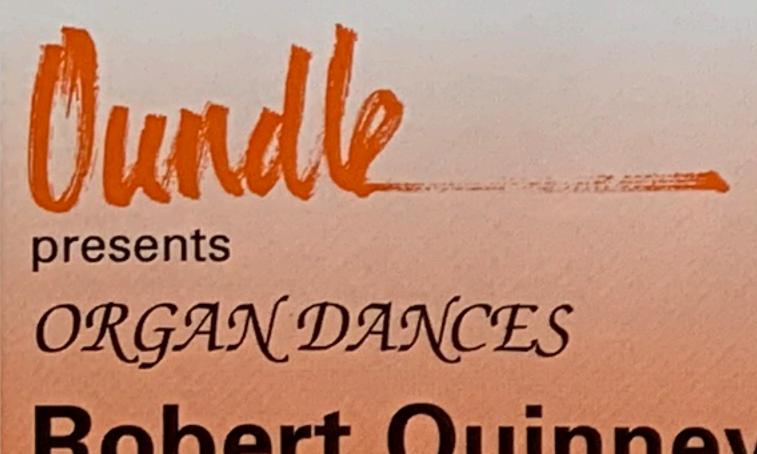
Many distinguished guests from the organ world will be invited to the Platform Concert at Oundle School Chapel on Sunday 20 July, while POS students at Oxford will have the opportunity to perform and conduct at four choral evensongs in college chapels; these will be open to the public. POS students in Oxford will all play in composite recitals and receive a written report.

Books and scores

All students receive books, scores and magazine subscriptions to boost their studies, thanks to the generosity of sponsors and individual supporters.

Study abroad

Oundle can help with contacts and suggestions for organ study opportunities abroad and can sometimes point students in the direction of necessary funds.

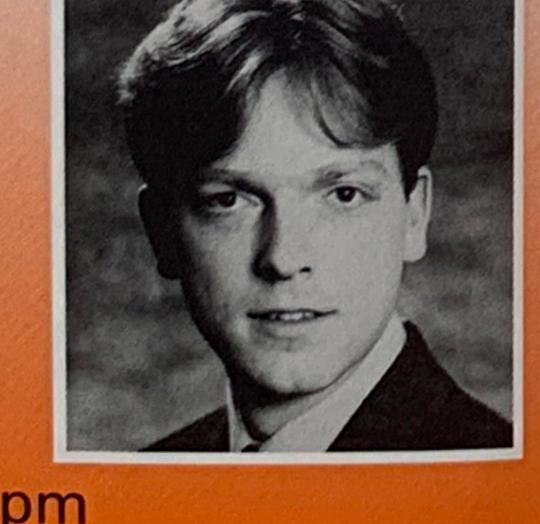


Robert Quinney

RCO Performer of the Year 2002

St Catharine's College Chapel, Cambridge Saturday 12 April 2003 at 8pm

Tickets £5 at the door



FEES, ACCOMMODATION, BURSARIES

Fees

Summer School in Oundle (ENR, ST and AA): £490 Summer School in Oxford (POS): £490

These fees cover everything while you are with us: tuition and accommodation, meals, travel during the Summer School, admission to events promoted by Oundle International Festival and concerts in Oxford. All you need to bring by way of extra cash is pocket money.

Bursaries

We are frequently able to provide students with financial assistance, thanks to the generous support of several benefactors and trust funds. If you would like to be considered for a bursary, please write, or ask a parent, teacher or director of music to write on your behalf, giving brief details of your circumstances; their letter should arrive at the same time as, or be enclosed with, your Application. We do all we can to help students who may genuinely find the Oundle courses too expensive.

Another suggestion is that you persuade your school, church or local organists' association to contribute towards the cost. Many Oundle students find financial help from such sources.

Accommodation

at Oundle ~

Summer School students will live in Oundle School boarding houses, which are furnished to a comfortable level. Sports facilities will be open for supervised use at times during the week. As part of their Oundlebased activities, AA students will also spend two nights at Queen's College, Cambridge (college to be confirmed).

in Oxford ~

POS students will be accommodated in The Queen's College, Oxford (college to be confirmed).

Pastoral care by experienced staff is an important part of all arrangements. POS students in Oxford will also have a chaplain, to direct the liturgy.

Travel

Oundle in Northamptonshire is easily reached by road or rail: by train - travel to Peterborough, where we will meet students if required; by car - use the A1(M) or A14, which pass within 8 miles of Oundle.

For those coming from abroad, London Stansted is the most convenient airport for Oundle. Heathrow is the most convenient for Oxford.

How to apply

- Return your completed Application Form or apply online (www.oundlefestival.org.uk) by 28 April 2003.
- Enclose or email a reference from your teacher or director of music.
- If you would like to apply for a bursary, tick the box on the application form and enclose or email a letter from a parent, teacher or director of music giving an outline of circumstances.

Do not send any money now. You will hear by 6 May whether we can offer you a place: if so, a non-refundable deposit of £100 will then become payable within a couple of weeks.

The balance of the course fee will be due by 4 July.

Successful applicants will be sent a repertoire list, advising music to be prepared for the Summer School. The repertoire list will also be posted on our website in mid-March.

THE ORGANS YOU WILL PLAY

Students will have access, for tuition and practising, to the excellent mechanical action pipe organs in and around Oundle ~

- 3 manual and pedal Frobenius in Oundle School Chapel
- 2 manual and pedal Bower at the Jesus RC Church
- 2 manual and pedal Woodstock in Fotheringhay Church
- 1 manual and pedal instruments in Stoke Doyle Church and The Creed Chapel, Ashton

Wonderful organs in Cambridge will also be used by all students, while a special feature of the Advanced Academy is a three-day residency in Cambridge. The Cambridge College chapels boast excellent organs in a wide variety of styles: some reflect 17th and 18th century ideals, others offer a huge variety of romantic colour, and some adopt a neo-classical style - the work of such builders as Harrison, von Beckerath, Mander, Klais, Metzler, Frobenius, Kenneth Jones, Goetze and Gwynn.

Classes are also likely to take place in Oakham, where there is a 3 manual Collins and a 2 manual Tickell.

At Oundle, pianos, a 2 manual harpsichord and a 2 manual pedal harpsichord will also be available.

For those attending the POS course in Oxford, the excellent organs in the college chapels make for an embarrassment of riches: Bower, Drake, Frobenius, Létorneau, Mander, Metzler, Rieger, Walker are amongst the organ builders represented.

OUNDLE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

There is much more to enjoying the Oundle week (ENR, ST, AA courses) than incarceration in the organ loft! Oundle International Festival runs alongside the Summer School, and students attend a whole week of brilliant events arranged for the Festival. Highlights include The Academy of Ancient Music with Patricia Rozario, the Rudolphus Choir, Illyria theatre, and celebrity organ recitals given by the tutors - plus cabaret, jazz, films, barbecue and punting.

OBSERVERS

Every year about a dozen Observers join the party. This is a popular option for adult organists and music lovers of all ages, offering a stimulating break in friendly company. There is a great choice of classes to attend, to say nothing of all the Festival concerts, historic venues to visit, pleasant scenery and warm hospitality.

Observers will join us this year for the main Summer School week in Oundle (13-20 July). There will be scope for them to travel on awaydays arranged for the students (to Cambridge, Oakham etc), and for those who are organists, access to some of the organs for individual practice will also be possible.

The fee (£260 for the whole Summer School week, or £42 on a daily basis) covers everything except bed and breakfast. Lunch and supper, coffee and tea, admission to concerts and travel to events are all included.

Oundle Tourist Information Centre (tel. 01832 274333) will be happy to help you find local accommodation: lists are available for hotels, B&B and camping sites.