

HERTFORD COLLEGE

ORGAN SCHOLARSHIPS

The organ scholarship at Hertford College provides excellent opportunities for a person with strong musical and interpersonal skills.

The duties of the Organ Scholar at Hertford College include:

- the accompaniment of services in the College Chapel – Sunday Choral Evensong during term, a weekly Eucharist, termly Choral Eucharist and occasional services (Weddings, Memorial Services etc.)
- to recruit and train the Chapel Choir, formed on a voluntary basis from among members of the College;
- the development the Choir and its repertoire;
- working closely with the College Chaplain to ensure high standards in music and worship.

There are many opportunities to lead and develop the life of the Chapel Choir outside its regular duties. The Choir undertakes visits to sing services and concerts in other churches and cathedrals, including St. Paul's Cathedral, and Westminster Abbey, London, Lincoln, Guildford, and St Alban's Cathedrals. The Choir also performs concert repertoire and has produced a CD recording marking the College's historical association with William Tyndale, the first translator of the Bible into English. In addition to this, the choir goes on twice-yearly tours; recent destinations include Manhattan, Tokyo, Barcelona, Budapest, Paris, and Krakow, and the Choir will be touring in California in the summer of 2010.

The Organ Scholar is encouraged to take an active part in the college's Music Society, which provides an umbrella for the Chapel Choir, College Orchestra and Jazz Band. The Society presents termly concerts of choral and instrumental music and is well supported by undergraduates and Fellows of the College. There is also an extremely successful lunchtime recital series during term-time. Recent concerts have included mainstream choral and orchestral repertoire (the past year including choral works by Tallis, Fauré, and Howells, and

orchestral works by Beethoven, Grieg, Dvořák, and Weber)



contemporary works (John Joubert, Kenneth Leighton, John Sanders, and Michael Berkeley). Please visit <http://hcms.hertford.ox.ac.uk> for more information, including music lists and past repertoire.

The College Chapel has a superb acoustic and is regularly used for commercial recordings of vocal music. The organ, built by *Lindsay Garrard* in 1903, and rebuilt by *Hunter* in 1931, has 3 manuals, and tubular pneumatic action. .

The College expects to appoint an organ scholar annually in two years out of every three. Two organ scholars are in residence at any time.

The Organ Scholar receives an annual stipend of £500 p.a., plus regular fees from occasional offices (weddings, memorial services, etc.), an allocated College room (with a keyboard) on-site for the duration of their course at usual rates of rent, and generous financial assistance with music lessons (organ, conducting, and singing) and courses.

An Organ Scholarship at Hertford College offers an unusual breadth of music-making opportunities coupled with an informal and friendly approach while striving for excellence. Prospective applicants are very welcome to arrange an informal visit to the College, possibly on a Sunday in order experience a Choir rehearsal and service of Choral Evensong. If you would like to arrange an informal visit, please contact the College Chaplain, the Reverend Leanne Roberts, Hertford College, Catte Street, Oxford. OX1 3BW. (leanne.roberts@hertford.ox.uk)