

PRESS RELEASE

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UNION CHAPEL ISLINGTON ORGAN

has been awarded a First Round Pass of £345,700 including a development grant of £42,900 from
THE HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND
towards the repair of one of the best Father Henry Willis organs,
built in 1878.

Union Chapel has a history of music making since its foundation in 1795. Today it is best known for its adventurous programmes of pop and folk music.

The organ, which remains almost unchanged since its building, once formed the centre for Union Chapel's music. The Organists included several famous composers and players like Henry Gauntlett who wrote 'Once in Royal David's City'. The organ has a unique hydraulic system for producing wind for the pipes and this is to be restored.

Once the organ is repaired it will form the centre for an educational programme to introduce people to organ music and playing.



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