

# Union Chapel Project

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## **Post: Union Chapel Organ Scholar**

**Reports to:** Organ Director

**Scholarship:** £2000 per year (for approximately 16 hours per month)

### **Description of Union Chapel:**

Union Chapel is an architectural treasure that's home to a working church, an award winning venue, a unique organ and The Margins Project for those homeless and in crisis in London.

Our main organisation aims are:

- To curate and support a year round programme of popular and innovative cultural performances and activities to enrich London's diverse communities;
- To strengthen relationships within and between these communities through participative and transformative projects for social change;
- To repair and conserve these Grade I & II star listed buildings to the highest standard for future generations to use and enjoy; and
- To achieve financial independence and sustainability through using our space to its greatest potential.

Union Chapel houses one of the finest & rarest organs in the world, (Father Henry Willis organ 1877) with fully restored hydraulic power, designed and built for the space. Since its restoration our eclectic organ programme has built a name for itself as having a hugely innovative fresh outlook to organ music. In a year we produce a mix of traditional recitals, tours, various opportunities for all ages in learning and participation, plus our world famous Organ Reframed festival which gives full scope to this unique & culturally important instrument, developing and presenting some of the most innovative, interesting & wide ranging work in the organ field today.

### **Role objectives**

This is an exciting opportunity to apply for Union Chapel's first organ scholarship which is designed to support an individual in their professional development and leadership skills within the organ field. Running from April 2019 to April 2020 (please note this is not within the academic year) this unique and exciting opportunity is for a music student or graduate with specialist organ training. They will work alongside and gain experience from our Organ Director Claire Singer and support her in the production and administration of our organ programme. You will also be given a number of performance opportunities including our recital series, church events and church services for an additional fee. You will be required to commit to approximately 16 hours per month and any additional hours will be paid on a fixed rate. We are looking for a confident scholar who will help to engage new audiences including schools and the general public.

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## Main Requirements

- To commit 16 hours per month to various duties agreed with the Organ Director.
- To support the Organ Director in the production and administration of our organ programme.
- With guidance and support you will be responsible for running our 4 traditional recitals throughout the year with the opportunity to perform one new work at each recital. We are interested in pulling works from the Union Chapel archive for our 19/20 programme. This will also sometimes involve greeting our invited organists and guests, page turning etc.
- To assist in our organ workshops for schools and also work on developing new relationships with schools and local groups who have not yet participated.
- Take part in our university composition/performance series.
- Lead some of our tours which includes demonstrating the organ to large groups.
- Gain experience on fundraising, production and marketing by shadowing the relevant team members.
- Assist our Marketing Manager in audience development for our organ concert programme.
- To be an enthusiastic ambassador for the organ.

## As a scholar at Union Chapel, you will also have access to the following general opportunities:

- Induction to each part of the organisation to learn how each department functions.
- Practice time on our Henry Willis Organ.
- Additional opportunities in professional development.
- Observe and attend appropriate meetings.

The Scholarship payment will be made four equal instalments, any additional fees will be paid on an invoicing basis.

Please submit your CV with a covering letter and the names of two referees (one of whom will usually be the applicant's organ teacher) to [recruitment@unionchapel.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@unionchapel.org.uk)

CV Shortlisted candidates will be asked to come to Union Chapel on Wednesday 3rd April from 2pm to play an organ solo of their choice and demonstrate their keyboard skills followed by an interview with Organ Director Claire Singer and Union Chapel Minister Vaughan Jones.

## Application Deadline: 9am Monday 25th March