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## **Call for Participants: Directory of Organists & Composers from Diverse Communities**

The RCCO is pleased to announce the Directory of Organists & Composers from Diverse Communities. This new resource will highlight the work of organists and composers of organ and choral music from communities that are often underrepresented in our field, including BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour), LGBTQ2S+ and disabled artists.

As the leading voice for the organ and its music in Canada, the RCCO is implementing this project in order to continue its work toward being a welcoming and inclusive organization for all. Our goal is to celebrate organists from diverse communities to help ensure that they receive the same representation and opportunities that white, cisgender, heterosexual and/or able-bodied organists do.

If you identify as someone from a minority or marginalized group and would like to be listed in this new directory, or if you know of someone who may be interested, please contact the National Office by sending an email to [info@rcco.ca](mailto:info@rcco.ca) or leaving a phone message at 416-929-6400.

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## **FutureStops: The RCCO's New Podcast Launches This Month**

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Join us on September 15th for the premier episode of the RCCO's new podcast! FutureStops delves into the 21st century organ experience, highlighting contemporary musicians and organ culture. Host [Blake Hargreaves](#) will take you through an exploration

of the present and future of the organ, delivering you news, interviews and music from around the world. Search for FutureStops wherever you get your podcasts.

For more information about the show and to keep up to date with the latest news, follow FutureStops on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [SoundCloud](#).

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## New Online Feature: Members Discussion Forum

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Looking for more ways to connect with your fellow organists? Look no further! You can now chat with RCCO members from across the country using our new Members Discussion Forum.

To access the Forum, first log in to your account on [rcco.ca](http://rcco.ca), then click on 'Members Discussion Forum' under 'Members' in the menu bar. From there, you can post a new topic, or click on an existing topic to reply to it. So next time you have a question about pedal technique, a comment about a composition, a helpful tip for online recording, an organ for sale or anything else you want to discuss with your fellow members, you can reach out instantly with the Members Discussion Forum!

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## COVID-19 Impact on Canadian Organists Online Forum Now Available on YouTube



On Wednesday, August 12, 2020 the RCCO held its first online forum via Zoom. The forum was a great success, and a big thank you is owed to both our panelists and everyone who participated in our pre-forum survey. Survey responses were instrumental in helping us to identify the most important topics of discussion.

If you were unable to attend the forum live, or would like to go back and review it, the recording is now available to watch online at <https://youtu.be/ob2j3zV1E2I>. More information is also available on the [News page](#) of our website.

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## Online Store Reopening

As the City of Toronto continues to reopen, our Office Administrator has resumed working in the office one day per week. As such, we are now able to fulfill orders from our online store! To purchase organ, choral and other music and resources, go to [rcco.ca](http://rcco.ca) and follow the links under 'Store' in the menu bar.

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