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The E-Newsletter of The Royal Canadian College of Organists
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Hamilton 2021

How will you engage with the Organ Festival? Here are three ways.

First, we have at least one spot still open for the **Rachel Laurin masterclass** - send a note to masterclass@rccofestival2021.ca.

Second, we have received six entries for the **New Anthems** read and would like more. We originally wanted non published or self published works. However, if composers are willing to negotiate the use and release of their works through the publisher for this reading session, these works would also be considered. Great opportunity for publicity and exposure! Please contact anthems@rccofestival2021.ca.

Third, we'd like to have more entries in the **Cross-Canada Roundup**, where you make a short video of your engaging stories as an organist -

why you got involved with organ in the first place, who helped you, where you play now, what you love about it. Don't be shy - just send a note to ccroundup@rccofestival2021.ca to get some ideas and instructions! Our video editing team has already received several recordings to include in the festival stream, and they look and sound great. Registrations are coming in well - around 50 to date, which is very encouraging. Remember that the Member Early Bird deadline is **June 30th**, after which registrations cost \$50 more. So top off your to-do list for June - get registered at rccofestival2021.ca!

See you in August.

OFC 2021 Steering Committee

Mark Toews Memorial Fund



Dear Friends,

As many of you know, our dear friend Mark who passed away recently was a passionate advocate for the RCCO Travelling Clinician program. For many years he, and long-time RCCO member Joanne Hart, managed and developed this program into an important vehicle for providing learning opportunities and supporting Centre programming across Canada.

In Mark's honour, and in consultation with family members, a memorial fund has been established to support the Travelling Clinician program and acknowledge Mark's many years of service to the RCCO. Contributions may be made online at the RCCO website [here](#) or by mailing a cheque to The Royal Canadian College of Organists, 414-15 Case Goods Lane, Toronto, M5A 3C4. Your gift will help us to provide a lasting legacy in Mark's name.

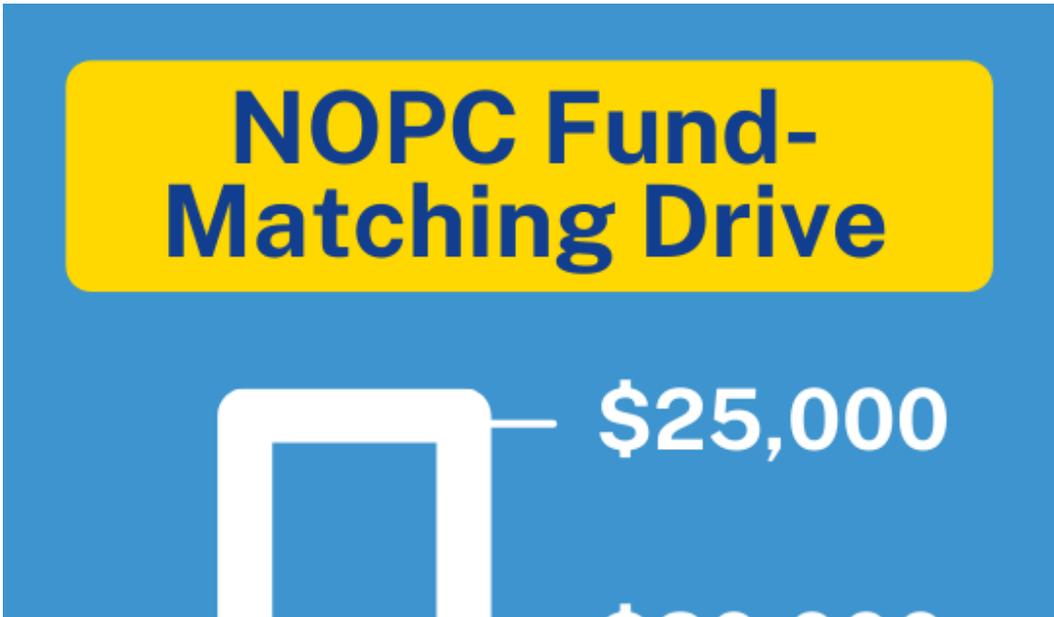
A virtual memorial service will be held for Mark on Saturday, June 12th, 2021, at 2:00 PM ET. Meeting links and additional information are available on Lawrence Park Community Church's website, [here](#).

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Shannon

Executive Director

National Organ Playing Competition Fundraiser

A graphic with a blue background. At the top, a yellow rounded rectangle contains the text "NOPC Fund-Matching Drive" in bold blue font. Below this, on the left, is a white outline of a computer monitor. To the right of the monitor, the text "\$25,000" is written in white. At the bottom of the graphic, there are several small white circles.

**NOPC Fund-
Matching Drive**

\$25,000



Our fund to help the 6 talented young organists competing in the 2021 National Organ Playing Competition is growing! Thanks to the many individuals who have already donated, we have raised almost \$7,000 so far. If you have not yet donated, please consider doing so now. In an effort to provide the best possible support to the competitors, we have committed

to covering their travel and housing costs. This, combined with the cost of recording and streaming the competition rounds means that we need to raise \$25,000 to fund this year's unique edition.

Thanks to pledges from several generous donors, we have secured matching funds to cover up to 50% of this budget. All donations up to a total of \$12,500 will be matched dollar for dollar to help us reach our fundraising goal, and all donations made are eligible for a charitable donation receipt.

Donations can easily be made online through [this link](#) or by mailing a cheque to the Royal Canadian College of Organists, 414-15 Case Goods Lane, Toronto, ON M5A 3C4.

Thank you in advance for your support, and be sure to [register](#) for Organ Festival Canada so you can see the competition online and enjoy the rest of the Festival programming as well!

Martin Jones: Winner of Sir Godfrey Hewitt Memorial Scholarship and Sir Ernest MacMillan Memorial Foundation Prize





It is with much excitement that we announce Martin Jones as the 2021 winner of both the Sir Ernest MacMillan Memorial Foundation Prize and the Godfrey Hewitt Memorial Scholarship!

Martin Jones graduated in 2021 from Rice University with a BMus in organ, studying with Professor Ken Cowan. He also studied harpsichord with Mario Aschauer. In the fall of 2021, he is enrolling in the Leipzig Hochschule für Musik und Theater for a Masters of organ performance where he will study with Martin Schmeding. A full biography of Martin Jones is available [here](#).

Funded by the Sir Ernest MacMillan Memorial Foundation and administered by the RCCO, the [Sir Ernest MacMillan Memorial Foundation Prize](#) is a prestigious award of \$7,500 given in memory of Canada's preeminent musician from the 1920s through the 1950s.

The [Godfrey Hewitt Memorial Scholarship](#) was established to honour the late Godfrey Hewitt and is administered by the RCCO's [Ottawa Centre](#). The \$5,000 scholarship is awarded annually to an advanced organ student to support further courses of study.

[Congratulations](#), Martin!

FUTURESTOPS

Thank you to everyone who has listened to the FutureStops podcast since

we first launched the show last September! Season 1 is now complete, but we'll be back again in September 2021 for Season 2, featuring more interviews with 21st century organists and covering the latest developments in the contemporary organ world. If you enjoyed the first season, please leave us a rating wherever you listen to podcasts to help new listeners discover the show!

If you missed any of the episodes from Season 1, you can still listen [here](#) and through all of your favourite podcast platforms, including [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Stitcher](#) and [TuneIn](#). Plus, don't forget to follow us on social media for all the latest news. We're on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

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