

Our 1991 Contestants For The NATIONAL YOUNG ORGANIST COMPETITION

They Are All Winners . . . They Have Worked Hard



Benjamin Vine

JUNIOR WINNER AND OVERALL WINNER

Benjamin Robert Vine

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Benjamin is fourteen years old and attends Dartford Boy's Grammar School in Dartford, England. Having studied piano for five and one-half years and organ for seven years, he is currently a student of Mr. John Norris.

At the age of ten he won London's 1987 Young Organist Competition. Benjamin became the Junior Yamaha Electone Champion at the age of twelve. In March of 1991 he won the title "1991 National Electronic Overall Winner." He spends a lot of time listening to music. He likes jazz, classical piano and all organ. Ben also enjoys playing a lot of sports: cricket, tennis and basketball.

He has worked hard at his music studies and hopes to carry on in the music world. When he recorded his tape for the National Competition, his chapter was very proud of his professionalism.

A SINCERE THANK YOU TO OUR ADJUDICATORS.

The number of hours you have donated in dedication to the goals of our organization will long be remembered. Sharing your artistic talents with these contestants is a great encouragement for them to continue their studies.



Simon Appleyard

INTERMEDIATE WINNER

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Listening to his Grandad playing his electronic organ encouraged Simon to start taking lessons. He was taken to organ concerts to listen to the professional organists play the Compton Theatre Organ at the 3-J's centre at Gomersal in West Yorkshire. With the encouragement of his grandparents and mom and dad he continued his studies with Mrs. Joyce Alldred, a very well-known professional organist. Simon has taken part in many concerts throughout the country. He is 16 years old.

Simon has won many competitions, winning second prize in 1988 and 1990 at the ATOS competition at Harrow. In 1989 Simon won the Dean Herrick Award and the Christie Cup at the same competition.

In 1989 he won the David Hamilton memorial trophy at Harworth, South Yorkshire. In 1990 Simon went up to Glasgow in Scotland, and won the first prize in the theatre organ class, and was the overall winner of the competition, making him the Scottish Young Organist of the Year.

Simon is joining the well-known firm of Organ Builders, Conacher and Co. (established 1984) of Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. It is a job he is very interested in and is sure he will enjoy.



Donald MacKenzie

SENIOR WINNER

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Donald is twenty years old and has studied organ for seven years and piano ten years. He is very interested in all aspects of organ music.

Donald moved from Scotland this year to broaden his musical studies. At the present time he is helping David Pawlyn, a local organ builder, in his business. David was the one who encouraged Donald to enter the competition.

Our adjudicators completed a very difficult task. These young people have a great deal of talent. Reading their backgrounds and history make us very proud that they are the future organists of our society.

The Young Organist Committee

Melissa Ambrose, Jelani Eddington, John Ledwon, Ashley Miller, Jack Moelmann, Jim Riggs, Steve Schlesing and Lois Segur

wish to sincerely thank the chapters that sponsored the contestants, the contestants themselves and the members of ATOS for their continued support.

Dorothy VanSteenkiste, Chairman