

THE ARTHUR POISTER SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION IN ORGAN PLAYING
Syracuse Chapter, American Guild of Organists
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Dear Colleague:

The Syracuse Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, in cooperation with the Malmgren Concert Series at Hendricks Chapel of Syracuse University, is pleased to announce the 2008 Arthur Poister Scholarship Competition in Organ Playing.

Again this year both first and second prizes will include recitals in Syracuse. Both prizes are being underwritten by the Malmgren Concert Series.

The first place award will be in the form of an invitation to present a full-length recital for \$2,500.00. The recital, sponsored by the Syracuse Chapter, will be given in the Autumn of 2008 on the historic and recently restored Crouse Holtkamp organ at Syracuse University.

A second place award will be in the form of an invitation to present a full-length recital for \$1,000.00. The recital, sponsored by the Malmgren Concert Series of Hendricks Chapel, will be booked during the 2008-2009 season at Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University, on the second 3-manual organ Walter Holtkamp, Sr. built for Arthur Poister in 1952.

Organists who have not reached their 30th birthday by April 12, 2008 are eligible to compete. Contestants are to submit a recording on CD-R of their chosen compositions from the required categories. All entries must be received by February 9, 2008. A non-refundable entry fee will cover the cost of returning recordings and the judges' critiques. Up to six finalists will be chosen to compete Saturday, April 12, 2008 at St. Paul's Cathedral in Syracuse, New York.

An application and contest rules are enclosed. The enclosures may be reproduced as necessary. **Be very careful about the time limit. Last year 23.5% who entered disqualified themselves by being overtime.**

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

Application
Certification of Recorded Performance
Rules for the Preliminary Competition
Rules for the Final Competition
Arthur Poister Article (TAO, May 1980)

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