



**The Arthur Poister Scholarship Competition
in Organ Playing**

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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 and the Setnor School of Music of Syracuse University, is pleased to announce the 2015 Arthur Poister Scholarship Competition in Organ Playing.

Again this year both first and second prizes will include recitals in Syracuse

The first place award, increased this year to \$3,000.00, will be presented at the winner's recital. This full-length recital, sponsored by the Syracuse Chapter, will be given in the Fall of 2015 on the historic and fully restored Crouse College Holtkamp organ at the Setnor School of Music of Syracuse University.

A second place award of \$1,000.00 will be delivered at a "Rising Star" recital. This recital, sponsored by the Malmgren Concert Series of Hendricks Chapel, will be booked during the 2015-2016 season at Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University, on a second 3-manual organ by Walter Holtkamp, Sr., built for Arthur Poister in 1952.

Organists who have not reached their 30th birthday before April 11, 2015 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 7, 2015. 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 11, 2015 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.** *Several recent contestants have 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 Obituary (TAO, May 1980)

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