



Background – Union Chapel - inspiring space, inspiring lives

Union Chapel is a unique multi award-winning performing arts venue, with a global reputation for international cultural events engaging diverse audiences. For over 30 years events have been our lifeblood and income, engaging 123,000+ visitors through 175+ events annually.

**“There’s something about coming to Union Chapel. There’s just something that’s kind of left in the walls. You feel it. There’s so much life in every corner. All of that seeps in, and it helps you to give your story”
(Celeste)**

Union Chapel is more than a venue. A Grade I listed Gothic architectural jewel, it is also home to charities tackling homelessness, championing social justice, empowering local communities with creative groups, training and employability programmes for local communities. It is also the home to a working, progressive and inclusive church.

Profits from events substantially support our vital charitable work with local communities and we are a model of good practice for community engagement. As an example, the Hospitality provided at our events directly supports us to deliver a community and cultural programme which has transformed the lives of thousands of people.

“I depend on Margins for more than hot food, they make me feel very happy, like a valid human being, a real person and not a non-entity, I feel like an individual.”

Anthony Richardson Organ Scholarship

Post:	Union Chapel Organ Scholar Reports to: Music Director
Fee:	£2,304 per annum (£16 per hour, 12 hours per month) free-lance position) Any overtime to be paid at £16 hourly
Status	Freelance
Duration	One year

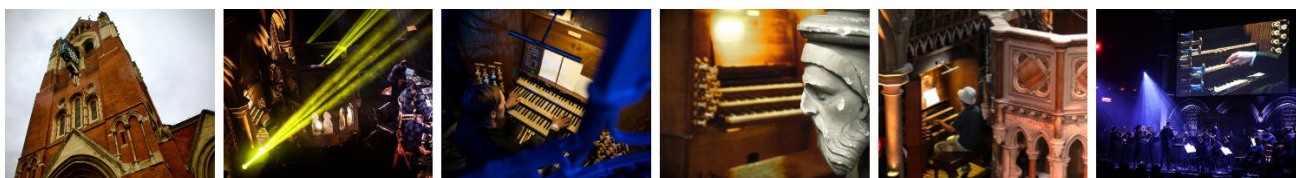
Scholarship objectives:

The scholarship is named after Anthony Richardson who is a long-term supporter of our organ and was responsible for initiating the major restoration of our organ in 2012-13.

This is an exciting opportunity for a music student or graduate with specialist organ training to apply for Union Chapel's unique Organ Scholarship, which is designed to support an individual in their professional development and leadership skills within the organ field.

You will work alongside and gain experience from our Music Director and support her and the Organ Programme Coordinator in the production of our organ programme. You will be given a number of performance opportunities, including our recital series and teaching/workshop leading working with primary and secondary schools, university students and adults.

A commitment of 12 hours per month (with the majority of hours on Wednesdays) is required and any additional hours will be paid at a fixed rate. We are looking for a confident scholar who will help to engage new diverse audiences including schools and the public of all backgrounds including encouraging participation from harder to reach groups and individuals.



Main Requirements

- To commit 12 hours per month to various duties agreed with the Music Director.
- To support the Music Director in the production of the organ programme. With guidance and support you will be responsible for leading our traditional recital series.
- The opportunity to perform one new work at each recital. We would like to pull works from the Union Chapel archive where possible.
- To assist in our organ workshops for schools and work closely with our Organ Programme Coordinator on developing new relationships with schools and local groups who have not yet participated.
- Take part in our university composition/performance series starting in October 2025.
- Lead some of our heritage tours, which includes demonstrating the organ to large groups.

- Gain experience of all aspects of Union Chapel including fundraising, production and marketing by shadowing the relevant team members.
- Assist our Marketing Manager in audience development for our organ concert programme.
- To be an enthusiastic ambassador for the Chapel and our organ.

As a scholar at Union Chapel, you will also have access to set practice time on our Henry Willis Organ. Additional opportunities in professional development. Observe and attend appropriate meetings.

You must have a legal right to work in the UK

A DBS check will be required for this role.

How to apply

Please apply with your CV and a cover letter (of no more than two pages), outlining:

- Your skills and experience to date, and how you would benefit from the scholarship.
- Why you'd like this opportunity of this Anthony Richardson Organ Scholarship with the Union Chapel.
- Your availability to start.

All documents should be emailed to recruitment@unionchapel.org.uk using "Organ Scholarship" as the title of your email.

Equality and Diversity

We are working to become an organisation that is representative of our local community and want to recruit people from a range of backgrounds who reflect the diversity of our community. We particularly encourage applicants who are currently underrepresented in our board, workforce and wider sector. This includes but is not limited to candidates who identify as being from Black, Asian and other ethnic backgrounds from the global majority, and candidates who identify as being disabled. We also particularly welcome applicants with their own lived experiences of the challenges we aim to address.

The deadline for applications is 10am Monday 6 October

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 15 October.

The interview/audition requires you to play a short piece of your choice (10 minutes total) on the organ followed by an interview

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