

# Newsletter

## Student News ...

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*Richard Brasier*

### OUR NEW SCHOLAR: RICHARD BRASIER

In 2011 the trustees awarded the Nicholas Danby Scholarship, the NDT's most prestigious award, to Richard Brasier, a pupil of David Titterington and Nicolas Kynaston at the Royal Academy of Music, for post-graduate organ study in Germany.

Richard has just completed the first term of his two-year concert-examination course with Johannes Geffert at the Cologne Musikhochschule. He writes:

*'I have now been studying in Cologne for two months. Although this is a relatively short time, I have experienced a great deal already. In addition to my weekly lessons with Johannes Geffert at the Hochschule, I have access to many wonderful practice instruments, not only here in Cologne, but also in the neighbouring city of Bonn.*

*I have made visits to historic instruments further afield as well, notably to the Hildebrandt organ in St Wenzels Naumburg, the Trost organ in the Schlosskirche Altenburg and the Arp Schnitger organ in St Pankratius Neuenfelde. Studying in a different country also encourages you to study repertoire that you might not necessarily study so much in your home country. In addition to the works of JS Bach, and other better known repertoire, I have enjoyed studying the organ sonatas of CPE Bach in greater depth.*

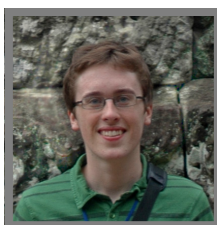
*Away from the organ loft I spend my time with my friends from the Hochschule, and learning the language. 'Learn by doing!' the Germans say!*

*Although I soon return to the UK for Christmas, I am immensely looking forward to the rest of my time here.'*

See [www.ndanbytrust.org](http://www.ndanbytrust.org) for Richard's UK recitals in 2012.

### FREDDIE JAMES: BURSARY HOLDER

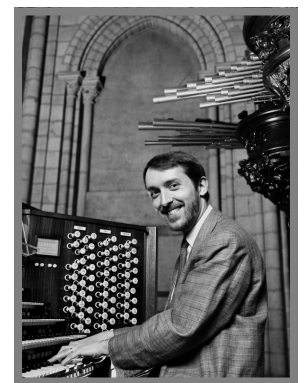
Freddie James, our first bursary holder, spent a highly successful gap year at the Sweelinck Conservatorium, Amsterdam, where he studied with Jacques van Oortmerssen. He is now organ scholar at St John's College Cambridge. Freddie is full of enthusiasm for the benefits this gap year afforded him, mainly in being able to concentrate on organ tuition and practice without distractions for a whole year before commencing his university course, and by making numerous expeditions to play other organs in Holland and Germany.



*Freddie James*

## NDT EVENTS

On 23rd June the NDT hosted a reception at Southwark Cathedral, following the recital by OLIVIER LATRY, Organist of Notre-Dame Cathedral, Paris. We are very grateful to Peter Wright, Director of Music at Southwark Cathedral, and one of our distinguished trustees, for inviting us to share this unforgettable occasion.



*Olivier Latry*

**NEXT EVENT:** Our next event will be announced in the New Year. Please put it in your diary, bring friends and support us!

**CHRISTOPHER NICKOL:** The trustees are indebted to Christopher Nickol, a former pupil of Nicholas Danby, for so generously giving recitals in aid of the NDT during his 50th birthday year. Concerts took place in Glasgow, York and London. Clare Caswell, younger daughter of Nicholas Danby, addressed the Glasgow audience on the work of the NDT.

## FUNDS

**... needed, please!! We are growing whilst the economy is receding!**

**Following Freddie's highly successful gap year we are hoping to offer another bursary next year, in addition to supporting our new Scholar in Germany for two years.**

**Please help us if you are able. (See accompanying form)**

**Thank you for your support! We have no paid staff, and all donations go directly into our awards.**

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