

KING'S COLLEGE COURSE Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania
The ORGAN SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Since 2007, The King's College Choir Course of RSCMA has had a special track for Organ Scholars with the intent of supporting the young artists who would come to us. We have developed an integrated program for the many aspects of organ and choral artistry of the Anglican tradition - from choral accompaniment and hymn-leadership to the nuances of Anglican chant.

We are pleased you are considering applying for this very select program. We offer full scholarship: room and board as well as course registration fees. Transportation and purchase of music is not included. Applicants should be age 25 or younger at the time of the course and have completed no more than a Master's degree. **The deadline for applying is April 15.**

The Organ Scholar undergoes a week's worth of seminars in the avenues mentioned above as well as private instruction and practice with our course organists and other faculty members. Because of the intensive schedule, scholars are not generally able to sing regularly with the Choir, though scholars should obtain copies of the choral scores for reference and accompaniment of house anthems. Please refer to this year's repertoire list on the course website.

You will be expected to accompany, at minimum, a hymn and a psalm at Evensong during the week and perform a voluntary (Prelude or Postlude) at one of the week's services. There is also a Faculty Recital for you to prepare a solo work to perform. Other accompanying opportunities, including house rehearsals and additional anthems/service music, may be assigned to Organ Scholars at the discretion of the faculty.

www.kingscollegecourse.com



Here is a checklist of what we need from you:

- A completed application form (see enclosed)
- A current resume
- A statement of your own personal engagement in, and desires for a career in Church Music, your own observations of your background, experience, hopes and expectations.
- A recording of your performance of: 1) a hymn from a standard hymnal (such as *The Hymnal 1982*; *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*; *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, etc.) with an introduction, one verse as written in the hymnal, and a second verse with a varied accompaniment; 2) a voluntary (a piece you might play for your own parish as a Prelude to worship or during Holy Communion); 3) a recital piece.

From your clergy person and organ instructor:

- A letter of recommendation from your 1) choirmaster and/or organ instructor *and* 2) your clergy person (priest, pastor, etc.) describing their experience with you and general character/musical observations. Distribute the enclosed forms to recommendation writers.

The Berghaus Organ at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral

The organ at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral is an exceptional instrument. Built in 2003 Leonard Berghaus and Company, it incorporates 89 ranks of pipes in 6 manual and pedal divisions. The acoustics of the Byzantine Basilica-style Church with hard resonant surfaces throughout greatly enhance the presence and ensemble of the organ. You will be hard-pressed to find such a rewarding instrument to engage in musical expression.



Must be postmarked by: April 15

ORGAN SCHOLAR APPLICATION

King's College Course

APPLICANT

Name _____
Last *First* *Like to be called*

Address _____
Street *City* *State* *ZIP*

DOB ____ / ____ / ____ Cell phone number ____ - ____ - ____

Email address _____

CHURCH EMPLOYMENT (on-going *or* substitute)

Position _____ Church _____

Address _____
Street *City* *State* *ZIP*

Phone ____ - ____ - ____ Clergy Name _____

ORGAN INSTRUCTOR

Name _____ Phone ____ - ____ - ____

Email address _____

Address _____
Street *City* *State* *ZIP*

Send this application form with:
Audition Tape,
Resume,
Personal Statement,

To: John Bradford Bohl, Associate Organist,
The Cathedral of All Saints, 62 South Swan Street, Albany, NY 12210
Please direct questions to John at JohnBBohl@gmail.com or 703-473-9292



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ORGAN INSTRUCTOR

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

_____ has applied as an Organ Scholar for this year's Course.

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Therefore, we ask you for you to offer your observations of the candidate's musical abilities, background and training, Churchmanship, team-ministry abilities, and any other information that would be helpful for us to best consider her/him for this scholarship position. (Organ Instructors, please offer an indication of the Level of Performance attained, with a recent list of repertoire.)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Organ Scholar Coordinator
c/o The Cathedral of All Saints
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Albany, NY 12210
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We appreciate receiving your response via USPS or e-mail **by April 15** to John Bradford Bohl (contact information above).

Thank you,

The staff and faculty of the King's College Course



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CLERGYPERSON

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Self-Declaration Form for Adult Participants & Staff
attending RSCM – America Courses/Events for Young People under 18

1. Full Name: _____

2. Address: _____

_____ Zip Code: _____

Tel. No. (Home): _____ (Work): _____

3. Date of birth: ____ / ____ / _____

4. How long have you lived at the above address?

If less than 12 months please give the following information:

Previous Address: _____

How long there: _____

5. Where are you currently employed? _____

How long _____

6. REFERENCES

Please provide the names and addresses of two people, one clergy and one lay, who have known you for at least two years and who will provide a personal reference. (Do not use the Organ Scholar Coordinator or a family member). Included are two reference forms **for which you provide a stamped envelope addressed to the Organ Scholar Coordinator, John Bradford Bohl**. Please give those to your references and ask them to send them to the Organ Scholar Coordinator.

A _____ B _____

Zip Code _____ Zip Code _____

Tel.# _____ Tel. # _____

7. RSCM EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

Please list your prior RSCM course experience

1) Dates:

2) Dates:

3) Dates:

8. Have you taken the Safe Church/Sexual Ethics Training provided by your diocese or denomination?

Yes ___ No ___
Where? _____

Please enclose a copy of your certificate of attendance.

9. Have you ever had a background check? (age 18 years and older)

If so, when and where _____

10. Do we have your permission to run a background check?

Yes ___ No ___

CONFIDENTIAL

11. DECLARATION

We, who administer courses in the training of youth and adults through the Royal School of Church Music in America, are committed to the safety of all involved. In addition to providing musical and spiritual instruction of the highest available caliber, we intend to safeguard the physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional stability of participants and staff while under our supervision. You are therefore requested to provide the following information.

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense?

Yes No

Have you ever been found by a civil court to have caused significant harm to a child or young person under the age of 18, or has any civil court made any finding against you that any child or young person under the age of 18 was at risk of significant harm?

Yes No

Declaration Statement:

I declare that all the information I have provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____

Name (please print): _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to John Bradford Bohl, Organ Scholar Coordinator.

Medical Information
RSCMA King's College Course

Medical Form

Course participants both children and adults will not be allowed to register without completed Medical Forms.

The King's Course is privileged to have two full-time medical personnel on staff. All medication, both prescription and non-prescription, will be dispensed by the medical staff. Be prepared to give all medications to the medical staff at the registration table. Any concerns or questions may be addressed at registration or by contacting the Course Manager.

Chorister: _____ male female
 Last First Middle

Address: _____
 Street City State Zip

Date of Birth: _____ Home telephone (____) _____

Parents or Spouse Name(s): _____

Business telephone: (____) _____ Home telephone: (____) _____

Provide the name and telephone number for another responsible adult to be notified in case parents or spouse cannot be reached.

Name: _____ Relationship _____

Business telephone: (____) _____ Home telephone: (____) _____

Complete the following (Adults need only to complete the **bold** sections):

DPT Initial Series: _____ Last Booster (PedDT ORTd) _____
 Date Date

Poliomyelitis Vaccine: _____ Measles(MMR) _____
 Date & type Date & type

Other vaccines: Hemophilus Influenza AB@ _____ TB skin test _____

Date of last dental examination _____

Date of last eye examination _____ Wear glasses? _____ Contacts? _____

