

Vernon de Tar Scholarship Competition

Delaware Chapter, American Guild of Organists

Information Sheet: 2007 Competition

The Vernon de Tar Scholarship Competition was established by the Delaware Chapter, American Guild of Organists to honor the late Dr. Vernon de Tar, internationally known organist, church musician, and teacher, for his many contributions to the profession over his long and distinguished career.

The scholarship provides for two prizes annually, one for an organist with limited playing experience (Level A), and one for a more advanced organist (Level B). This year, prizes include tuition for a summer, 2007 AGO-sponsored Pipe Organ Encounter, and a cash award of \$200, payable after attendance at a POE. The goal of the competition is to immerse the two young musician-winners in events focusing on the organ, and to foster in them a keen interest in the organ and in church music.

Competition for the Vernon de Tar Scholarship is open to organ students who are from 12 to 18 years of age, as of the date of the competition, and who reside within Region III, the Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Guild of Organists: Delaware, Maryland, southern New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Applicants must perform at the competition, which will be held at First and Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware on Saturday, March 31, 2007, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The repertoire requirements for the competition are as follows:

Level A

A prelude or fugue (one movement) from one of Bach's "Eight Little Preludes and Fugues."

A contrasting composition.

Level B

A large prelude and fugue of J. S. Bach.

A contrasting introspective composition from the 19th or 20th century.

The decision of the judges will be considered final. Judges have the right to award no prize.

The deadline for application is March 23, 2007. For more information or an application form, please contact:

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First & Central Presbyterian Church

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2007 Application Form

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Telephone (____) _____ Age as of March 31, 2007 _____

Name of piano or organ teacher _____

Teacher's Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I am applying for (check one) Level A _____ Level B _____

I will play the following pieces at the competition: (See repertoire requirements on Information Sheet)

Please tell us something about yourself. Attach additional pages if necessary. (Describe your interest in music, previous study, performing experience, musical goals, or anything else that you think would be of interest.)

Please send the completed application form along with a check for the registration fee (\$10, payable to Delaware Chapter, AGO) to:

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Applications must be received by March 23, 2007.