



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

301 Crouse College, Syracuse University
Syracuse, New York 13244-1010
poistercompetition@gmail.com
www.syracuseago.org



November 2020

2021

Dear Colleague:

The Syracuse Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, in cooperation with the Syracuse University Setnor School of Music, is pleased to announce the 2021 Arthur Poister Scholarship Competition in Organ Playing. Three finalists will be selected to compete on June 4, 2021 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The following prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the finals:

- First Prize: \$3000, funded by the Arthur Poister Endowment Fund of Syracuse University, and a recital engagement on the historic and fully restored Crouse College Holtkamp organ at Syracuse University's Setnor School of Music in Autumn 2021.
- Second Prize: \$1000, funded by the Arthur Poister Endowment Fund of Syracuse University.
- Third Prize: \$500, funded by the Syracuse Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.
- Audience Prize: \$500, funded by the Syracuse Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

The judges for the final round will be Andrew Henderson, chair of the organ department at Manhattan School of Music and director of music and organist at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City; Nicole Keller, organ faculty at the Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of Music and associate organist at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland; and Renée Anne Louprette, assistant professor and college organist at Bard College. As in the past, the preliminary round will be judged anonymously by local judges.

Organists who have not reached their 30th birthday before June 4, 2021 are eligible to compete. This year, the competition will be accepting all application materials electronically. Contestants should submit all materials via email attachments and dropbox links to poistercompetition@gmail.com. All entries must be received by 11:59pm on March 15, 2021. A non-refundable entry fee, made via paypal, will cover the cost of running the competition.

The application and detailed contest rules are enclosed. The enclosures may be reproduced as necessary. Copies of this entire mailing are also available for download on the Syracuse AGO website: www.syracuseago.org

Sincerely,

The 2021 competition committee

Enclosures

Application
Certification of Recorded Performance
Rules for the Preliminary Competition
Rules for the Final Competition
Arthur Poister Obituary (TAO, May 1980)