

DUNLEATH ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

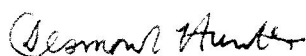
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Annual Report on behalf of the Trustees in respect of the year ended 31 October 2023

Following the relaxation of Covid restrictions, the Trust resumed its activities in 2022. The organ recital planned for 2020 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first Music in May festival concert and the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Dunleath Organ Scholarship Trust was given in Down Cathedral in September 2022 and linked with the Service of Thanksgiving for Dorinda, Lady Dunleath (a founder-member of the Dunleath Organ Scholarship Trust who, sadly, died in March 2022). Copies of a short history of the *Music in May* festival, prepared on behalf of the Trust, were circulated at the recital. The booklet includes information about the establishment and purpose of the Trust.

In 2022 the Trust decided to discontinue the practice of scheduling an annual organ workshop for young Irish organists and, instead, resuscitate the scholarship scheme that operated successfully for a number of years from 1995. The scholarship for 2023 was advertised in late 2022 and an award was made in 2023 to enable a student to attend the St Andrew's Organ Week in Scotland. Following his participation in the organ week, the student submitted a report to the Trust and commented on the value of the learning experience, benefiting from the tutoring provided by a distinguished team of organ specialists, and the further opportunities that it opened up for him.



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