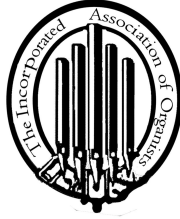


# GLASGOW SOCIETY OF ORGANISTS



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## Report from Glasgow Society of Organists – December 2012

The GSO Organ Competition in Paisley Abbey (22 September, 2012) was summed up by a former president as “the best day that we’ve had in years”. Eight young organists gave a splendid account of themselves and the organ repertoire, in a procession of talent that was a pageant of technique and musicianship:

3rd prize (£250) – **Tak Chow**, aged 22 – Bach’s Prelude and Fugue in B minor and Finale, Vierne’s Symphony No.1. (RCM, London; Professor David Graham)

2<sup>nd</sup> prize (£500) – **Andrew Wyatt**, aged 23 - Bach’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Trio Sonata (Vivace and Adagio) and Parry’s Fantasia and Fugue in G major. (Former student at Birmingham Conservatoire 2007-2011, and organ scholar at Canterbury Cathedral)

First prize (£1,000) – **Kit Chi Lau**, aged 24 - Bach’s ‘Wedge’ Fugue in E minor and the Allegro from Widor’s 6<sup>th</sup> Symphony in G minor. In addition, she was awarded the David Sanger Bach/Memorial Prize of £300 for the most promising performance of a work by J S Bach. **Kit Chi Lau** has now returned to Hong Kong, having completed her studies with Professor David Graham at the RCM in London.

Runners up – Marion Andre (London; Susan Landale), Andrew Forbes (Glasgow; Chris Bragg), Steven McIntyre (Glasgow; Kevin Bowyer), Alex Jones (Birmingham; Henry Fairs) and Ed Jones (Aberdeen; Roger Williams).

The occasion concluded with a buffet supper in the Abbey, giving an opportunity for adjudicators, George McPhee and John Kitchen, the Trustees of the Society, Alan Taverner and David Hamilton (who had made available funds for the David Sanger Bach/Memorial prize) to socialise informally with all the competitors.

As part of the competition prize, **Kit Chi Lau** will be returning to Glasgow to give a recital in **Glasgow Cathedral on Saturday, 9 February 2013 at 2.30 pm.**

The 2013-14 syllabus (“Great Glasgow organs”) is well in hand. The opening recital (Saturday, 5 October 2013 at 2.30 pm) is a long overdue return to Twechar Parish Church to hear the magnificent Father Willis organ.

GSO would like to extend congratulations to Professor John Butt (Gardiner Professor of Music, University of Glasgow) on being awarded the OBE in the New Year’s Honours List. Professor Butt is giving a recital talk to the Society on 2 February 2013, at 2.30 pm in Kelvin-Stevenson Memorial Church in Glasgow.

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