AN OVERVIEW

POEA is for students in grades 9-12 who have achieved a high level of success in organ study. Unlike the POE, prospective students must submit an audition recording in order to apply. A POEA provides a unique opportunity for participants to meet and interact with peers who have similar interests.

POEA HIGHLIGHTS

- Daily organ lessons with artist faculty
- Practice time on a variety of pipe organs
- Workshops and master classes
- Classes in areas such as pipe organ construction and design; improvisation and organ literature
- Faculty Organ Recitals
- Final POEA student recital
- Special guest lecturer: Fred Teardo, Director of Music and Organist, Cathedral Church of the Advent

FEATURED INSTRUMENTS

Moller, 4 manuals, 100 ranks First Presbyterian Church

Holtkamp, 4 manuals, 86 ranks

The University of Alabama

Dobson, 3 manuals, 82 ranks

Independent Presbyterian Church

Letourneau, 3 manuals, 80 ranks

Cathedral Church of the Advent

Dyer, 3 manuals, 45 ranks

First United Methodist Church

Casavant, 2 manuals, 45 ranks,

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Austin, 3 manuals, 35 ranks

Christ Episcopal Church

Schlicker, 3 manuals, 30 ranks

Calvary Baptist Church

Holtkamp, 2 manuals, 28 ranks

Canterbury Episcopal Church

Holtkamp, 2 manuals, 27 ranks

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Schlicker, 2 manuals, 22 ranks,

University of Alabama

Walcker, 2 manuals, 16 ranks,

University of Alabama

Walcker, 2 manuals, 15 ranks,

University Presbyterian Church

FACULTY

Joby Bell, Associate Professor of Organ,
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*This faculty is subject to change without notice.

ACCOMMODATIONS/TRAVEL

Housing will be provided on the campus of the University of Alabama in air-conditioned, double occupancy dormitory rooms. There will be full time supervision by POEA staff. All meals will be provided from Sunday dinner through Friday lunch.

Transportation will be provided from and to the Birmingham airport or Tuscaloosa train station, if needed, as well as to and from all events during the week.



STUDENT REGISTRATION

Registration for POE events exclusively online at https://www.agohq.org/education/poe/

PAYMENT FORM

Student Name:
Address:
Parent Name:

POE Registration Fee: \$525

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$475, if registered by March 1. The final registration deadline is **April 25**. Full payment is due at the time of registration.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- 1) Recorded audition: recording to include a work of Bach, Romantic or 20th Century work, and a hymn accompaniment
- 2) List of applicant's recorded pieces

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Please send an email with the following information to **POEA2017@birminghamago.org**:
- -Name, Address, Telephone
- -Date of Birth
- -Letter of recommendation from current organ teacher
- -Pieces on your recording
- -Repertoire list (previous and current)
- -Parent /Guardian Name, Phone, & Email Address
- 2) Mail a check payable to Tuscaloosa POEA 2017 (If the student is not accepted, the fee will be refunded.) and mail your CD, if not using an MP3 file, to:

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarship assistance is available through the American Guild of Organists. Please contact the Director, Dr. Faythe Freese, for information on initiating the online scholarship process. In addition, students may contact AGO chapters or religious institutions if financial aid is needed.

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