

Organ Training Resources Available through Brigham Young University

MAIN WEBSITE

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The BYU Organ Study Website—Visit organ.byu.edu and then click LDS Organists

BOOKS AND SOFTWARE

Hymn Studies for Organists (Belnap) (\$15.95+shipping) creativeworks.byu.edu/catalog/ViewItem.aspx?item=SM004

Three-Stave Hymn Accompaniments (Cundick) (free downloads) organ.byu.edu/3StaveHymns/index.htm

Manual-Only Hymns for Organ (Cundick) (free downloads)

<https://www.lds.org/bc/content/shared/english/pdf/callings/music/manualonly-100602.pdf?lang=eng>

and *Transformations* (Cundick) (use with Manual-Only Hymns to create easy preludes and postludes)

[lds.org/bc/content/shared/english/pdf/callings/music/transformations-100618-eng.pdf?lang=eng](https://www.lds.org/bc/content/shared/english/pdf/callings/music/transformations-100618-eng.pdf?lang=eng)

OrganTutor Organ 101 (Cook) (visit organtutor.byu.edu and then follow the specific links)

OrganTutor Online Tutorial (for smartphones, tablets, laptops, desktops) (\$50 for 3-year subscription, \$30 for 6 months)

The OrganTutor Workbook only (no Online Tutorial) (printed version: \$20.50+shipping) (pdf \$9.50)

<https://www.ardpublications.com/>

ORGAN COURSES THROUGH BYU INDEPENDENT STUDY AND ONLINE

College-credit courses: *Music 399R* Sections (Levels) 1-6 (\$386-\$965)

is.byu.edu/site/courses/index.cfm?school=univ (scroll down to “Music 399R”)

Noncredit courses

Levels 1-2 free self-study versions: <https://is.byu.edu/catalog/free-courses> (scroll down to “Music 071” or “Music 072”)

(When prompted, click on the words “click here to register for the self-study track,” which requires only an email address)

Levels 1-6 certificate-only versions (\$150)

elearn.byu.edu > Catalog > Continuing Education Courses > find “Organ Performance, Level 1,” etc.

Level 1 – Beginning organ: for pianists with little or no previous formal organ training, or who need help in applying what they have learned in their organ playing.

Level 2 – Review of basics: for those with organ training, but who would benefit from a review of basic legato organ technique, repertoire, hymn playing, and registration. Should be able to sight-read single-line melodies.

Level 3 – Early intermediate: for those with substantial training and fluency in legato organ technique, repertoire, registration, hymn playing, and registration. Should be able to sight-read two-part music.

Level 4 – Intermediate: for with substantial training and fluency in legato organ technique, repertoire, registration, hymn playing, and registration. Have training in playing organ pieces in both legato and articulate styles. Should be able to play easy four-part vocal scores, to sight-read simple three- and four-part organ music and hymns, and to transpose hymn melodies (only) up to and including a major second up and down.

Level 5 – Early advanced: for those with substantial training and fluency in legato organ technique, repertoire, registration, hymn playing, registration, and in intermediate organ pieces in both legato and articulate styles. Should be able to play moderately difficult four-part vocal scores and easy choir accompaniments, to sight-read moderately difficult four-part organ music and hymns, and to transpose simple hymns into all keys up to and including a major second up and down.

Level 6 – Advanced: for those with substantial training and fluency in legato organ technique, repertoire, registration, hymn playing, registration, and in early advanced organ pieces in both legato and articulate styles. Should be able to play more difficult four-part vocal scores and choir accompaniments, to sight-read more difficult four-part organ music and hymns, and to transpose moderately difficult hymns into all keys up to and including a major second up and down.

The New LDS Organist (A “quickstart” organ course in 12 podcasts & packet) (free online) organ.byu.edu/the-new-lds-organist/

Creative Hymn Playing Techniques (Music 116R podcasts—audio lessons) organ.byu.edu/116podcasts.htm

ORGAN WORKSHOPS

The BYU Organ Workshop (for adults or guardian-accompanied teens, Aug. 6-9, 2019) organworkshop.byu.edu

BYU Traveling Organ Workshops (Fri. evening organ concert, Sat. morning workshop) <https://sites.google.com/view/byuorgan>

The BYU Musicians’ SummerFestival (for ages 14-18, June 16-22, 2019) summerfestival.byu.edu