

Organ Training Resources Available through Brigham Young University

MAIN BYU ORGAN STUDY WEBSITE: organ.byu.edu

email organ@byu.edu

BOOKS AND SOFTWARE

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: \$23.00+shipping) (pdf \$9.50) ardpublications.com

Hymn Studies for Organists (Belnap) (\$15.95+shipping) creativeworks.byu.edu > Catalog > search “Belnap”

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

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

churchofjesuschrist.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)

churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/shared/english/pdf/callings/music/transformations-100618-eng.pdf?lang=eng

ORGAN COURSES THROUGH BYU INDEPENDENT STUDY AND ONLINE

College-credit courses: *Music 399R* Sections (Levels) 1-6 (\$478-\$1195)

elearn.byu.edu/catalog (scroll to Fine Arts & Communications – Organ Performance)

Noncredit courses

Levels 1-2 free self-study versions: organ.byu.edu > Off Campus Students > [Music 71](#) or [Music 72](#) (Level 1 or 2) Free Version

BYU Programs . . . > Independent Study Organ Levels 1-2

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

elearn.byu.edu > Course Catalog > Music

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 Ward Organist (A “quickstart” organ course in 8 videos & packet) (free online) organ.byu.edu/the-new-ward-organist

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

ONLINE TRAINING and WORKSHOPS

Online Training Sessions (free - selected Thursday evenings) organ.byu.edu/online-training-sessions

The BYU Organ Workshop (online or in person, for ages 18+, Aug. 4-8, 2025) organ.byu.edu/organworkshop

The BYU Musicians’ SummerFestival (in person only, for ages 14-18, June 15-21, 2025) summerfestival.byu.edu

BYU Traveling Organ Workshops (free - multi-stake or other) organ.byu.edu/workshops