

HOST FAMILIES WANTED!

It's PIPEWORKS Festival time again!

The 14th Pipeworks Festival takes place this summer from the 17–25 June. From its beginnings in 1980 as the Dublin International Organ & Choral Festival, Pipeworks has brought to Irish audiences a diverse programme of music-making with the organ at its centre, fully exploiting not only the wonderful range of instruments to be found in Ireland but also, the splendid buildings which house them. In keeping with the outward expansion of the festival, and Pipeworks' desire to showcase the best of Ireland's organs, this year's festival will take place in three separate locations: Crosshaven, Co. Cork, Dundalk, Co. Louth and Dublin.

The impetus for this decision is the success and growing stature of the Dublin International Organ Competition, which forms the core of the festival and has secured Ireland a respected position in the international organ-playing scene. Attracting the finest young organists from around the globe, the competition is at the heart of every Pipeworks festival. The 2011 competition attracted the highest number of applications in the competition's history with entries representing eighteen different nationalities and five continents. Internationally renowned organists David Higgs (USA), Sophie-Véronique Caucherfer-Choplin (France), Jon Laukvik (Norway), Jacques van Oortmerssen (Netherlands) and David Titterington (UK) will act as jurors in the competition. They will also all give recitals and masterclasses. The competition rounds will take place in Cork on the magnificent new Henk van Eeken organ in Crosshaven; in Louth on the superb historic Willis organ in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dundalk and in Dublin on the remarkably versatile Jones/Flentrop organ in Christ Church Cathedral.

On behalf of the competition organisers I have been tasked to find suitable HOST FAMILIES willing to accommodate our 14 competitors on a B&B basis from 14 June until 26 June while they are in each of our three locations: Cork, Louth and Dublin.

This is a great opportunity to give our international visitors a traditional Irish welcome and ensure they have an enjoyable stay here. By way of a thank you to our host families, PIPEWORKS Festival would like to offer you tickets to a concert of your choice and the competition finals and an invitation to the opening and closing receptions.

If you and your family would be interested in hosting a competitor Fiona Arnold on 087 923 9491, or at fjmarnold@gmail.com before 20 May 2011.

I would like to host: a competitor [] a choir member [] as outlined above.

Name:

Address:

Tel/Mob:

Email:

For full details of Pipeworks Festival see www.pipeworksfestival.com