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Seasonal Tuning Assistant: Organ Key Holder with Apprenticeship Opportunities

Overview: Are you a music student or enthusiast looking for a part-time position? Do you hope to build your professional resume with hands-on experience in the music industry?

R.W. Draeger & Company services many of the most noteworthy pipe organs in the Twin Cities metro area. Our clients include the University of Minnesota's Northrop Auditorium, St. Olaf College, the Basilica of St. Mary, Central Lutheran Church, St. Mark's Cathedral, and many more.

This seasonal position is an opportunity to work with our tuning technicians during the busiest tuning season(s) of Fall and/or Summer. Tuning a pipe organ requires two people. This candidate will be responsible for "holding" the keys at the console while the technician is inside the organ chamber. Interested candidates must possess basic keyboard skills. Reliability and strong communication skills are essential in the role.

In addition to key-holding responsibilities, this position offers the opportunity to apprentice with our President, Russell Draeger, and learn more about organ repair, tuning, and rebuilding services. Work in our company shop in Owatonna and go on the road with Russell across the larger Twin Cities metro area. Learn more about the inner workings of the extraordinary organs in nearby churches, cathedrals, and universities. High-performing candidates with an interest in full-time field work may be considered for a permanent technician position with the company.

Our firm will arrange carpooling as often as possible, but access to a car and a valid driver's license is essential. Hours spent sitting in the car and key holding will be paid. Candidates will be reimbursed for miles accrued in their personal car based on the IRS Mileage Rate.

If you are interested in getting acquainted with the beautiful organs in the Twin Cities metro area, networking with organists, and learning about the organ building trade, please email office@draegerco.com. Our Office Administrator, Ellen Hacker, will be in touch to discuss next steps. We look forward to hearing from you!