

WINNERS

The Reuter Organ Company announces the winners of the 2009 Augustana Arts/Reuter National Undergraduate Organ Competition held at Augustana Lutheran Church in Denver, Colo., on March 19–22. The required repertoire included a work by Bach, a Romantic or Contemporary composer, the hymn tune “Slane,” and the *Concerto No. 6 in G Major* of Franz Xaver Bixi. **Patrick Kreeger**, a student of Alan Morrison at the Curtis Institute of Music, won the first prize. He received an award of \$5,000 and performed the Bixi concerto with the Musica Sacra Chamber Orchestra as well as Mendelssohn’s *Sonata No. 3 in A Major* at

the winner’s concert. The second prize of \$2,000 was presented to **Victor Li**, a student of Donald Sutherland at the Peabody Conservatory, who played Messiaen’s “Serene Alleluias” from *l’Ascension* on the Sunday evening program. One of the nation’s premier competitions for undergraduate organists, this biennial event has now concluded its seventh season. The competition, played on Reuter’s Opus 2071 (IV/61), is made possible by support from the Reuter Organ Company, Augustana Lutheran Church, Augustana Arts, and the Denver AGO Chapter. Cindy Lindeen-Martin, minister of music at the church, is the competition director. Ronald Krebs, Reuter vice president, presented the prizes on behalf of the company. Judges for this year’s competition included Joseph Galema, music director and academy organist at the U.S. Air Force Academy; Edmund Ladouceur, retired director of cadet chapel music and cadet choral activities at the Academy; and Tamara Schmiege, director of music and organist at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Fort Collins. In addition, Dr. Galema was also featured in the Denver premiere performance of Stephen Paulus’s *Concerto for Organ, Strings, and Percussion* at the winners’ concert. Pictured left to right are Edmund Ladouceur, Patrick Kreeger, Victor Li, Tamara Schmiege, and Joseph Galema. (photo: Duane Howell)

