



Organo Pleno Newsletter 2018

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Greetings,

It makes us proud to announce that we have crossed another milestone in the history of our company. We are celebrating our 50th anniversary! Our company has countless achievements throughout the years with the help of our fine craftsman. We are also grateful to our clients and customers who have trusted us to provide them with excellent organs and services. Over the past 50 years, we have proudly grown to servicing over 200 clients in 68 cities throughout the southeast. This past year we modernized our website, so please take a look and let us know what you think!

Here are a few projects that were completed this year:



Lindenwood Christian Memphis, TN

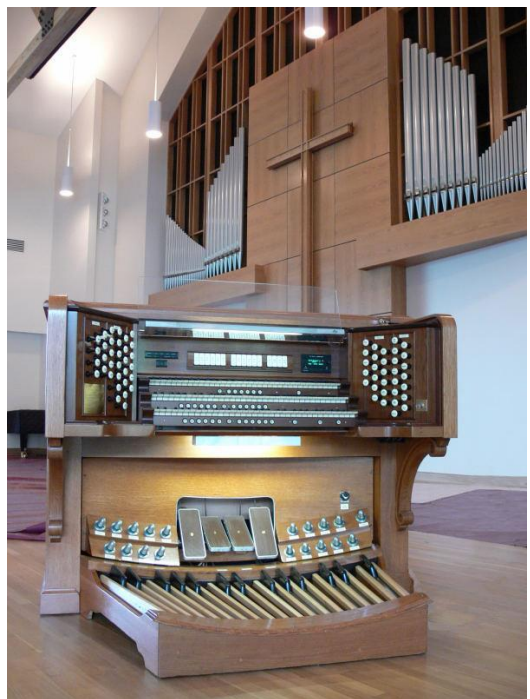


Lindenwood Christian is a large church located in Memphis, TN. They contacted us to repair their 1965 Moller pipe organ that was damaged by a leaking roof. They had around a dozen

damaged note pouches from the leakage. The ceiling above the Swell division had paint peeling and flakes were dropping on and into the organ pipes. We removed the Swell division pipes and damaged pouchboards then covered the chests with plastic and plywood so the painters would have a place to stand while repairing the ceiling. We were able to close off the Swell division so the organ would still be operational for Sunday services. After the ceiling work was completed, we cleaned and reinstalled the Swell pipes and the repaired note pouches. The project was completed without any interruption to the Sunday services.



Campbellsville University Kentucky



Campbellsville University has a historic 1894 Farrand & Votey pipe organ, originally built for Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville, TN. In 2007, we relocated the instrument to Campbellsville University installing it in their new Ransdell Chapel. During the move to Campbellsville, we converted the console to solid-state and refurbished much of the instrument. At that time, the internal note pouches were still in good operating condition and had several years of life

remaining to the leather. Now, 10 years later, the note pouches and primary actions were beginning to fail.

By coordinating with the University, the work of replacing the leather pouches would be done in several stages. This way, the organ could still be used with little disruption to the classes being held. We started with refurbishing the Swell division, splitting it into two stages. Several hundred note pouches and primaries were removed from the chests and transported back to our workshop. After the Swell division, we moved to the choir to continue the project. This coming summer we are scheduled to tackle the Great division.



First Baptist Hendersonville, TN



First Baptist Church in Hendersonville, TN refurbished their sanctuary this past summer. The timing was right to include the Schantz pipe organ renovation. The first stage of the sanctuary renovation was to repaint the room, so we needed to remove the exposed pipes of the Great and Pedal divisions. We were able to leave the Swell and Choir pipes on site in the covered chambers.

The console was removed and brought back to our shop facility for a total overhaul. We installed a new Peterson ICS-4000 Solid State system in the console with all new drawknobs and coupler tablets. The entire organ was rewired to accommodate the new relay system. An additional Cat 6 floor jack was installed in the middle of the new stage area for organ recitals. The refurbished sanctuary looks great with its new paint, carpet and furnishings.



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Welcome To Our New Customers!

- Concord UMC - Knoxville, TN
- St. Thomas More - Paducah, KY
- Lindenwood Christian - Memphis, TN
- Bellevue UMC – Nashville, TN
- KDS DAR School – Grant, AL
- Christ Fellowship Baptist- Mobile, AL



First Lutheran Nashville, TN



First Lutheran Church in Nashville has a III manual, 1963 Schantz pipe organ. Our firm has maintained this instrument since 1970 with many projects throughout the years. This past summer, we were contracted to refurbish the console and upgrade the organ’s pneumatic relay with a new Peterson ICS-4000 Solid State system.

The console was removed and brought back to our shop facility. During the console renovation, the church decided to clean and add new outer glass to their stained glass windows. What a difference after the cleaning. All new drawknobs and tablets were added to the console and the pedal board was refurbished. The organ renovation and windows turned out wonderfully.



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Lifeway Christian Nashville, TN



This past summer, Lifeway Christian built a new building and needed the 23 rank, 1968 Wicks organ removed. Moving the pipe organ to the new building was not in their plan. Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee showed strong interest in the organ and Lifeway Christian donated the organ to them. We removed the organ and stored it in one of their facilities near the campus. The old Lifeway building has been demolished and seven new buildings will be built in the area. Mr. James Jordan said the move to the new building went well and everyone is settled.



Calvary Baptist Tuscaloosa, AL.



Calvary Baptist in Tuscaloosa recently renovated their choir area and had us store some of the façade pipes upstairs to protect them during the project. We moved the two 16' Principal chests closer to the corners and installed longer legs on the windchests. This was to make space for a new, larger projection

screen. The choir area was completely re-built and all the sanctuary walls were painted.

Removing Calvary's 16' Façade Pipes



Helpful Tips!



- For the best tuning possible, remind the custodian the day before we come that the temperature should be as it is during your Sunday worship service.
- Make notes of problems as they occur and leave the list in your service notebook.
- Call as early in the week as possible if you need a service call to better secure an appointment time before the next Sunday service.
- Have your piano tuned to the organ. The organ is not tuned to the piano. Remember that the piano technician also needs the correct temperature and humidity.



Christ Church Episcopal Tuscaloosa AL.



Christ Church in Tuscaloosa needed to remove their beautiful 1941 Opus 2042 Austin Organ to make room for the new Letourneau organ. We dismantled the Austin in two long days, which was a remarkable feat for a 35-rank organ. The pipes, manual motors and pedal pouches were saved but the rest of the organ was recycled. The exposed Antiphonal organ that we built in 1999, with the help of Mr. Warren Hutton, was not removed.

FOR SALE



George Kilgen & Son / Roy Redman
Opus 52, II Manual, 13 ranks.
Asking \$75,000 (installed in TN)

Möller Chimes



Totally re-built action, graduated brass class A chimes. Asking **\$4,500**



Vanderbilt University – Blair School of Music
Reuter / Milnar, II Manual, 24 ranks

Great	Swell	Pedal
16 Quintade	8 Gedeckt	16 Subbass
8 Principal	8 Gemshorn	16 Quintade GT
8 Holzflote	8 Gems Celeste	10 2/3 Quint (Ext)
8 Quintade (Ext)	4 Rohrflote	8 Principal
4 Octave	2 2/3 Nasat	8 Subbass (Ext)
4 Quintade (Ext)	2 Waldflote	8 Quintade (Ext)
2 Super Oct	III Mixture	4 Octave (Ext)
1 1/3 Mixture	8 Hautbois	4 Quint (Ext)
8 Trumpet	Tremolo	16 Posaune

Asking \$45,000 As-Is, electrical upgrades recommended at additional cost.