

Sanfilippo Theatre Pipe Organ Information



The nucleus of the theatre organ, which was previously installed in the old music room (Wurlitzer opus #1571, built in 1927 for the Riviera Theatre in Omaha) has been expanded to 80 ranks of pipes. The overall result is the most versatile orchestral theatre pipe organ ever built. Behind the scrim are five chambers containing pipes, percussions, wind regulators and controls in a four-story-tall area. The console is patterned after the original from Chicago's Paradise Theatre; it is mounted on the original Peter Clark lift from the Granada Theatre, which raises it from the lower level cage enclosure up to concert playing position.

Mounted on the wall to the left are the 32' Diaphone pipes, and to the right are the 32' Bombarde pipes. A 32-note set of Deagan Tower Bells, the largest of which weighs 426 lb., hang on each side of the room. They are activated by huge solenoids from their own console, the organ console, a roll player, and even the doorbell button. To the rear of the room, the 'Ethereal' pipe chamber in the attic echoes softly from the skylight area, while the brass 'Trumpet Imperial' and copper 'Bugle Battaglia' speak with great authority from the back wall. The organ is connected to a computer, which records the playing of the organist on computer disc, ready to be played back at any time. Spotlights and other lighting effects may also be recorded, so the lighting changes during a concert can be 'played back' with the music.



The grand piano connected to the pipe organ is a 9' Knabe concert grand with an Ampico 'A' reproducing player mechanism. To the right of the console is a rare Deagan Piano-Vibraharp, which can be played by its own keyboard or from the organ console. Toward the rear of the

room is a Spanish art case Steinway model A.R. Duo-Art reproducing piano, veneered in walnut with boxwood, pear and ebony inlay. A remote Duo-Art Concertola roll changer has been adapted to play Ampico rolls on the Knabe, or Duo-Art rolls on the Steinway, at the touch of a button on its control panel.

Organ Specifications

Rank	Maker	Source
MAIN CHAMBER		
Chorus Trumpet	Kimball	unknown
Chrysoglott		
Clarinet	Wurlitzer	Egyptian Th, Hollywood, CA
Concert Flute	Wurlitzer	Riviera Th, Omaha, NE
Diaphonic Diapason	(20") Wurlitz	er Hub Roller Rink, Chicago, IL
Erzahler	Meyer	new
Erzahler Celeste	Meyer	new
Koppel Flute	Meyer	new
Leiblich Flute	Meyer	new
Marimba Harp		
Open Diapason	Wurlitzer	Riviera Th, Omaha, NE
Salicional	Wurlitzer	Paramount Th, Los Angeles, CA
Tibia Clausa	Murray Harris	unknown
Viol D'Orch Celeste	Wurlitzer	Riviera Th, Omaha, NE
Viol D'Orchestre	Wurlitzer	Riviera Th, Omaha, NE
Voix Celeste	Wurlitzer	Nile Th, Mesa, AZ
Vox Humana	Wurlitzer	Riviera Th, Omaha, NE
Vox Minor	Kimball	Stillwater, MN St. Johns Esp.
FOUNDATION CHAMBER		
2' Fifteenth	Meyer	new
2' Fourniture IV	Meyer	new
4' Principal	Meyer	new
Chimes	Kimball	
Chorus Tuba	Dennison	Oriental Th, Milwaukee, WI (Barton)
Diapason Minor	Dennison	WTMJ Radio Milwaukee (Barton)
Gemshorn	Meyer	new
Gemshorn Celeste	Meyer	new
Glockenspiel	Wurlitzer	
Nachthorn	Meyer	new
Rohrflute	Schopp	new
Tibia Clausa (10")	Wurlitzer	unknown

Tuba Horn	Wurlitzer	Riviera Th, Omaha, NE
Violin	Kimball	1st Presbyterian, Oakland, CA
Violin Celeste	Kimball	1st Presbyterian, Oakland, CA
Vox Mezzo	Dennison	Paramount Th, Newport News, VA
SOLO CHAMBER		
(16' Solo String	Meyer	new, 12p)
(16' SS Celeste	Meyer	new, 12p)
(16'Oboe Horn	Trivo	new, 12p)
1 1/3 Scharf IV	Meyer	new
Brass Trumpet	Wurlitzer	Paramount Th, Nashville
Flauto Dolce	Meyer	new
Flauto Dolce Cel	Meyer	new
Harmonic Flute	Dennison(M&C) Pacific Th, Hollywood
Horn Diapason	Meyer	new
Horn Diapason Cel	Wurlitzer	Coliseum Th, Seattle, WA
Kinura	Wurlitzer	Fox Th, Denver, CO
Oboe Horn	Wurlitzer	Riviera Th, Omaha, NE
Orchestral Oboe	Wurlitzer	Egyptian Th, Hollywood, CA
Quintadena	Wurlitzer	Riviera Th, Omaha, NE
Saxophone	Wurlitzer	Riviera Th, Omaha, NE
Sleigh Bells		
Solo String	Austin	new
Solo String Celeste	Wurlitzer	Riviera Th, Omaha, NE
Tibia Clausa (25")	Wurlitzer	Paramount Th, Los Angeles, CA
Vox	Wurlitzer	Riviera Th, Omaha, NE
Vox Mystica	Aeolian	Residence, Minneapolis

ORCHESTRAL CHAMBER		
(16' Posthorn	Trivo	new, 12p, voiced by Century Pipe Organs)
(16' Solo Viol Cel	Meyer	new, 12p)
(16' Solo Violin	Meyer	new, 12p)
Basset Horn	Kimball	St. Louis Th
Cello	Kimball	Stanton Th, Baltimore
Cello Celeste	Kimball	Stanton Th, Baltimore
Cor Anglais	Kilgen	Church St. Louis,MO
English Posthorn	Schopp	Built for Ciceros resturant MN
Flauto Mirabilis	Aeolian	Baptist church, Milwaukee
French Horn	Kimball	Westminster Pres, Minneapolis
Krumet	Wurlitzer	Chinese Th, Hollywood, CA
Major Vox	Hinners	Pekin The, Pekin, IL
Musette	Trivo	new
Solo Saxophone	Gottfried	Ardmore, Philadelphia
Solo Violin (20")	Wurlitzer	unknown (Junchen rebuild)
Solo Violin Celeste	Wurlitzer	unknown (Junchen rebuild)
Tibia Clausa (25")	Wurlitzer	Egyptian Th, Hollywood, CA
Trumpet (Style D)	Wurlitzer	unknown
Tuba Mirabilis (25")	Wurlitzer	Liberty Th, Portland, OR
Xylophone	Wurlitzer	
UNENCLOSED		in front (in chamber or exposed)
32' Bombarde	Wicks	new, 12p, voiced by Century Pipe Organs
32' Diaphone	Wurlitzer	12p, small scale set
32' Magnaton	Austin/Wicks	12 new resonators by Wicks
32' Tibia	Crome	new, 12p
Tuba Maxima (25")	Austin	Bill Brown's resturant
BACK WALL		en chamade
Bugle Battaglia	Schopp	Voiced by Century Pipe Organs MN
Trumpet Imperial	Bizick/Organ	Supply Voiced by David Junchen

ETHEREAL CHAMBER		(within skylight across from trumpets)
Dulcett	unknown	unknown
Dulcett Celeste	unknown	unknown
Dulciana	unknown	unknown
Dulciana Celeste	unknown	unknown
Stopped Diapason	unknown	unknown
Vox Humana	unknown	unknown
Vox Humana	unknown	unknown
Vox Humana	unknown	unknown
Blower: 50hp Orgobl	o, spare from	Fox Th, San Francisco, CA

