

Nicholson & Co

Lower Interfields, WR14 1UU Malvern, United Kingdom

Founded/Born

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1841 - ???

Closed/Death

Still active?

yes

Webpage

<https://www.nicholsonorgans.co.uk/>

Description

Nicholson & Co. Ltd, established in 1841 by John Nicholson, is a prominent manufacturer of pipe organs based in the UK. The company specializes in creating new instruments as well as undertaking historical restorations, rebuilds, and renovations. A significant milestone for Nicholson & Co. was in 2013 when they completed the first entirely new instrument in a British cathedral since 1962, installed at Llandaff Cathedral in Cardiff.

The Nicholson family of organ builders originated from Rochdale, Lancashire, but John Nicholson moved the business to Worcester in 1840, setting up his workshop near the cathedral. The company quickly gained a reputation for high-quality work, including notable projects at Malvern Priory, Worcester Shire Hall, and Gloucester Shire Hall. Throughout the latter half of the 19th century, Nicholson & Co. supplied organs to numerous parish churches across England and Scotland, and even shipped instruments to countries such as China, Australia, and New Zealand. Successive leadership, including Arthur Whinfield and Stanley Lambert, introduced several innovations like patent key-touches, pneumatic action, and electro-pneumatic action, ensuring the company's relevance and technological advancement in the field. The company has completed major projects in various prestigious locations, including Portsmouth Cathedral and Southwell Minster, maintaining its reputation for excellence in organ building.

Sources

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Karlsdal, Karlsdals kapell

T 726, Karlsdal, Sweden



Builder

Nicholson & Co

Year

ca. 1906

Period/Style

Romantic

Stops

7

Keyboards

2+P

Keyaction

tracker/mechanical

Description

Karlsdals Chapel features an organ built by Nicholson & Co. from Worcester, England, in 1906. This historical instrument was restored and installed by Samuele Maffucci Orgelbyggeri from Montemagno, Pistoia, between 2022 and 2023. The organ has two manuals with 58 keys (C-a3) and a pedalboard with 30 notes (C-f1).

The organ utilizes a mechanical action for the manuals and a pneumatic system for the pedals, with a registration system. It includes couplers such as Great to Swell, Great to Pedal, Swell to Pedal, and Swell Super Octave, along with four combination pedals for additional versatility.

Stoplist/Disposition

Great	Swell enclosed	Pedal
Open Diapason 8	Clarabella 8	Bourdon 16
Dulciana 8	Gamba 8	
Wald Flute 4	Gemshorn 4	

Additional: Gt to Sw, Gt to Ped, Sw to Ped, Sw Super Octave, Swell pedal II, 4 combination pedals

Sources

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