Rainer Müller

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Founded/Born

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1961 - ???

Closed/Death

Still active?

yes

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Description

Rainer Müller, born in 1961 in Traben-Trarbach, is a distinguished German organ builder. He founded and leads an organ-building workshop in Merxheim, Rhineland-Palatinate. Müller learned his craft with Claudius Winterhalter in Oberharmersbach and subsequently worked with Hugo Mayer Orgelbau in Heusweiler and Georges Heintz in Schiltach. His journeyman years took him to various workshops, including those of Gustav Cartellieri in Wittlich, Winterhalter, and Johannes Klais Orgelbau in Bonn. He passed his master's examination in Ludwigsburg in 1992 and established his own company in Merxheim in March 1993.

Müller's workshop adheres to the classical principles of organ building without restricting itself to a specific stylistic period. It focuses significantly on the restoration and reconstruction of historical instruments. Notably, the workshop has restored numerous organs by the Stumm family of organ builders, as well as two organs by Johann Christoph Kohlhaaß from the 1760s and various 19th and 20th-century organs.

New organs are constructed with mechanical slider chests using traditional craftsmanship. They feature spundete Kanzellen (plugged cells) with removable valves, and the action is made from local woods and brass, while the registration mechanism uses oak swords and rollers with iron axles in wooden bearings. Besides managing and planning projects, Rainer Müller specializes in the intonation of the instruments. He is a certified restorer in organ and harmonium building and employs six staff members as of 2023.

Sources

https://www.orgelbau-mueller.de/

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rainer M%C3%BCller (Orgelbauer)

Idar-Oberstein, Felsenkirche

Im Gebück, 55743 Idar-Oberstein, Germany



Builder R. Müller

Year 2001

Period/Style Modern

Stops 21

Keyboards 2+P

Keyaction tracker/mechanical

Description

The organ was constructed by Rainer Müller in 2001. This newer instrument replaced a predecessor which was built by the Walcker company in 1929. The current organ is housed in a historical casing from Stumm, dating back to 1756.

Stoplist/Disposition

I Hauptwerk	II Schwellwerk	Pedal
Bourdon 16'	Hohlflöte 8'	Subbass 16'
Principal 8'	Traversflöte 8' (ab c0)	Octavbass 8'
Gedeckt 8'	Gamba 8'	Choralbass 4'
Octave 4'	Offenflöte 4'	Posaunbass 16'
Rohrflöte 4'	Quintflöte 22/3'	
Quinte 22/3'	Flöte 2'	
Octave 2'	Terzflöte 13/5'	
Mixtur 3f 1'	Oboe 8'	
Trompete 8'		

Additionals: II/I, I/P, II/P, Cimbelstern, Tremulant II

Sources

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