

# Bremerhaven, Bürgermeister-Smidt-Gedächtniskirche

Bürgermeister-Smidt-Straße, 27568 Bremerhaven, Germany



<b>Builder</b>	R. v. Beckerath
<b>Year</b>	ca. 1986
<b>Period/Style</b>	Symphonic
<b>Stops</b>	47
<b>Keyboards</b>	3+P
<b>Keyaction</b>	tracker/mechanical

## Description

The Bürgermeister-Smidt-Gedächtniskirche in Bremerhaven features an organ built by the renowned organ builder Rudolf von Beckerath in 1986. This instrument replaced earlier organs, including one by Philipp Furtwängler from 1856, which was destroyed in a bombing in 1944, and another by Walcker from 1964, which had significant structural and tonal issues. The Beckerath organ was designed in the style of the French Romantic period and has undergone several enhancements since its installation.

In 1999, Hamburg organ builder Hans-Ulrich Erbslöh added a Spanish Trumpet to the Hauptwerk, enhanced the setter system, and revoiced the organ. Further improvements were made in 2016, including the addition of a 32' Subbass in the Pedal, making the organ the largest in Bremerhaven with 47 registers and over 3500 pipes. This instrument now supports a wide range of liturgical and concert uses, showcasing its robust and versatile sound.

## Stoplist/Disposition

Rückpositiv	Hauptwerk	Schwellwerk	Pedal
Prinzipal 8'	Bordun 16'	Rohrgedackt 16'	Untersatz 32'
Holzgedackt 8'	Prinzipal 8'	Violprinzipal 8'	Prinzipal 16'
Quintadena 8'	Rohrflöte 8'	Gamba 8'	Subbass 16'
Prinzipal 4'	Doppelflöte 8'	Gedackt 8'	Oktave 8'
Holzflöte 4'	Oktave 4'	Voix céleste 8'	Gedackt 8'
Sesquialtera 2f	Spitzflöte 4'	Prinzipal 4'	Oktave 4'
Gemshorn 2'	Quinte 2 2/3'	Traversflöte 4'	Hintersatz 4f
Quinte 1 1/3'	Oktave 2'	Nasat 2 2/3'	Posaune 16'
Scharff 4f	Cornett 5f	Schwegel 2'	Trompete 8'
Cromorne 8'	Mixtur 6f	Terz 1 3/5'	
	Trompete 8'	Plein-Jeu 5f	
	Spanische Trompete 8'	Basson 16'	
		Trompette harmonique 8'	
		Hautbois 8'	
		Voix Humaine 8'	
		Clairon 4'	

**Additional:** I/II, III/II, III/I, I/P, II/P, III/P, III/III 16', III/II 16', III/I 16', electronic combination system (Heuss Setzer, 4000 Combinations), Zimbelstern, Tremulant I, Tremulant III

## Sources

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