Develsdorf, Dorfkirche Develsdorf

Dorfstraße, 18513 Deyelsdorf, Germany



Builder A. Schnitger

Year 1694

Period/Style Baroque

Stops

Keyboards 1+P

Keyaction tracker/mechanical

Tuning Equal at 440 Hz

Description

The history of this organ was fully uncovered in the past decade thanks to the research conducted by Jan von Busch from Rostock. The organ in question is the house organ built in 1694 by Arp Schnitger for the main pastor Johann Friedrich Mayer at Hamburg-St. Jacobi. When Mayer moved to Greifswald in 1701 to become a pastor at St. Nikolai and a university professor, he took the organ with him. Decades after Mayer's death, his heirs sold the instrument to Deyelsdorf, where organ builder Christian Weldt reassembled it in 1742.

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A significant loss of Schnitger's original work occurred in 1878. In the same year that modifications were made to the organ in Wotenick, organ builder Mehmel was commissioned to modernize the organ in Deyelsdorf. It is believed that until then, the organ had largely remained in its original Schnitger form. While numerous new components were added, the preserved elements from Schnitger included the unique case and most of the pipes in the Gedact and Hohlflöte registers.

These surviving elements make the organ unique in the region. The few registers from Schnitger's workshop offer a glimpse into the original baroque sound of the instrument, highlighting its historical significance and enduring craftsmanship.

Stoplist/Disposition

Manual Pedal

Principal 8'

Subbaß 16'

Viola di Gamba 8'

Gedact 8'

Geigenprincipal 4'

Hohlflöte 4'

Quarte 2'

Additionals: Pedalkoppel

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