

Edinburgh, St Giles' Cathedral

St Giles' Cathedral, EH1 1RE Edinburgh, United Kingdom



Builder	Rieger
Year	ca. 1992
Period/Style	Modern
Stops	59
Keyboards	3+P
Keyaction	tracker/mechanical

Description

The current organ at St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh was built in 1992 by the Austrian firm Rieger Orgelbau, with input from renowned organists Herrick Bunney and Peter Hurford. Housed in the South Transept, the organ features a striking Austrian oak case designed by Douglas Laird, blending contemporary craftsmanship with architectural harmony.

Though largely a new instrument, the organ retains select elements from its predecessor (a 1940 Willis III), specifically the Pedal Open Wood 16' and the Bombarde 32'. Additionally, the lowest seven pipes of the original 32' Double Open Wood were preserved and now form the bass of the Untersatz 32', with the remaining metal pipes incorporated into the organ's façade—linking past and present in both sound and design.

Stoplist/Disposition

Positive (Manual I)	Great (Manual II)	Swell (expressive) (Manual III)	Pedal
Gedackt 8'	Bourdon 16'	Bourdon 16'	Untersatz 32'
Salicional 8'	Principal 8'	Diapason 8'	Principal 16'
Principal 4'	Stopped Diapason 8'	Souffle 8'	Open Wood 16'
Chimney Flute 4'	Harmonic Flute 8'	Flûte à cheminée 8'	Sub Bass 16'
Octave 2'	Octave 4'	Gambe 8'	Octave 8'
Recorder 2'	Nachthorn 4'	Voix céleste 8'	Gedackt 8'
Sesquialtera II 2 2/3'	Quint 2 2/3'	Prestant 4'	Choral Bass 4'
Larigot 1 1/3'	Superoctave 2'	Flûte pointue 4'	Flute 4'
Mixtur IV 1'	Mixtur VI 2'	Nazard 2 2/3'	Mixtur V 2 2/3'
Rankett IV 16'	Mixture IV 1 1/3'	Quarte de Naz. 2'	Bombarde 32'
Cromorne 8'	Cornett V 8'	Tierce 1 3/5'	Bombarde 16'
	Trumpet 16'	Sifflet 1'	Fagotto 16'
	Trumpet 8'	Plein Jeu VI-VIII 2 2/3'	Posaune 8'
	Trumpet 4'	Basson 16'	Clairon 4'
		Trompette 8'	Glockenspiel
		Hautbois 8'	
		Clairon 4'	
		Voix humaine 8'	
		Glockenspiel	

Additional: I/II, III/II, III/I, I/P, II/P, III/P, Tremulant for every manual

Sources

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