

Limbaži, Limbažu Svētā Jāņa evaņģēliski luteriskā baznīca

Libiešu iela 2, LV-4001 Limbaži, Latvia



Builder	A. Martin
Year	1852
Period/Style	Romantic
Stops	14
Keyboards	2+P
Keyaction	tracker/mechanical
Tuning	Equal at 441.6 Hz

Description

The existing organ in Limbaži Church was built by the Riga organ builder August Martin in 1852 and was inaugurated on August 10th. According to a report on the organ's consecration, a positive organ had served the Limbaži congregation for 50 years prior and was last used during the service for the new organ's consecration. It was noted that by 1849, the positive organ was completely worn out. The new organ was funded with 100 rubles donated by the district court secretary Engelhards, 150 rubles from donations, and 600 rubles from Riga. The main initiator of these efforts was G. Schmit, who served as the organist in Limbaži for over 50 years.

The instrument built by A. Martin had 9-10 registers, with 7 or 8 in the manual and two in the pedal. The northern side of the organ's casing bears an inscription in German, detailing its construction by August Martin in July and August of 1852, and noting its consecration on August 10th by Pastor Neuendrichen. Subsequent tuning and minor repairs were carried out regularly by Martin and later by his son, Emils Martin, as evidenced by various inscriptions on the casing, indicating work done in the years following its construction. In 1898, the organ was expanded with a second manual by the Liepaja master Carl Alexander Herrmann. Despite some modifications, including the replacement of several original registers with German factory pipes, the organ remains largely in its original state. It underwent significant restoration in 2004 by A. Melbārdis, addressing various structural and functional issues while preserving its historical integrity.

Stoplist/Disposition

I. Manual	II. Manual	Pedal
Bourdon 16'	Salicional 8'	Subbass 16'
Prinzipal 8'	Flöte 8'	Violon 8'
Hohlflöte 8'	Liebl. Gedeckt 8'	
Viola di Gamba 8'	Flöte 4'	
Octave 4'		
Flöte 4'		
Octave 2'		
Mixtur 3 fach		

Additional: Manual-Coppel, Pedal-Coppel, Octav-Coppel

Sources

https://orgcat.lv/limbazi_main.htm