

Nitra, Bazilika sv. Emeráma

Námestie Jána Pavla II. 1012/7, 949 01 Nitra, Slovakia



Builder	Kögler
Year	ca. 2017
Period/Style	Baroque
Stops	30
Keyboards	2+P
Keyaction	tracker/mechanical
Tuning	Neidhardt "Große Stadt" at 440 Hz
Sampleset	<u>Piotr Grabowski</u>

Description

Nitra is a city in the western part of Slovakia, situated by the river with the same name. The St. Emmeram's Cathedral (Katedrála sv. Emeráma) is a part of the buildings of the Nitra castle. It is picturesquely situated on a hill surrounded by the river. The cathedral has mostly a baroque look now, however its history is much older, goes back to the medieval times.

The baroque organ in the cathedral was built in 1718-1723 by Martin Zorkovský. It is not known if it was 1 or 2 manual organ at time. The section of Rückpositiv was added later, probably in the end of the 18th century. The instrument was rebuilt in the 1870s by Martin Šaško and later completely modified by Otokár Vážanský in 1932. It became a romantic organ with tubular action - completely unlike the original. Almost one century later, in the years 2016-2017 a new organ was built by Austrian company Kögler. It is now pure baroque style. Around 200 of the old baroque pipes were used, mainly prospect pipes. The Rückpositiv case was made new to better fit a larger organ case. The new organ is very versatile, full of colorful stops, which fits perfectly with the acoustics of the Nitra cathedral.

Manual compass is from C to g3, pedal from C to f1. The organ is tuned to Neidhardt "Grosse Stadt" (big city) temperament.

Stoplist/Disposition

Rückpositiv	Hauptwerk	Pedal
Copula maior 8'	Bourdon 16'	Subbass 16'
Quintade 8'	Principal 8'	Octavbass 8'
Principal 4'	Bourdon 8'	Gedecktbass 8'
Flöte 4'	Salicional 8'	Octave 4'
Nasard 3'	Portun 8'	Posaune 16'
Octave 2'	Octave 4'	Trompete 8'
Flöte 2'	Spitzflöte 4'	Trompete 4'
Terz 1 3/5'	Quint 3'	
Quinte 1 1/3'	Superoctave 2'	
Octave 1'	Mixtur IV-VI	
Mixtur III-IV	Trompete 8'	
Dulcian 8'		

Additional: RP/HW, RP/Ped, HW/Ped, Tremulant RP, Cuculus (cuckoo), Vogelsang (bird sing), Cymbelstern, Pauke (two detuned, low pitched pipes playing together)

Sources

<https://piotrgrabowski.pl/nitra/>