

Nordleda, St. Nicolai

Otterndorfer Straße, 21765 Nordleda, Germany



Builder	E. Röver
Year	1892
Period/Style	Romantic
Stops	20
Keyboards	2+P
Keyaction	pneumatic

Description

The current organ in St. Nicolai Church in Nordleda is the second instrument to be installed there. The original organ, built by Matth. Dropa in 1697/1698, was deemed outdated by the 19th century. In 1889, a proposal for a new organ was requested from Hinrich Röver of Stade, but the commission was ultimately awarded to his brother, Ernst Röver from Hausneindorf/Quedlinburg. Ernst Röver completed the new organ in 1889 as Opus 15, featuring 20 registers across two manuals and a pedal. This organ is notable as the only surviving instrument by Ernst Röver in the region between the Elbe and Weser rivers, and it was built with a pneumatic Kastenlade (wind chest) and pneumatic register controls, remaining largely intact to this day.

After years of disuse, the organ was restored in 2003 by Franz Rietzsch of Hemmingen, bringing it back to playable condition. The instrument's historical significance is enhanced by its preservation of original features, including its unique pneumatic mechanisms and slightly unequal temperament designed to favor fundamental keys. This restoration ensured that the organ continues to be a vital part of the church's musical heritage.

Stoplist/Disposition

Manual I	Manual II	Pedal
Bordun 16'	Geigenprincipal 8'	Violon 16'
Principal 8'	Violine 8'	Subbaß 16'
Hohlflöte 8'	Lieblich Gedact 8'	Octavbaß 8'
Gambe 8'	Harmonieflöte 8'	Gedactbaß 8'
Octave 4'	Viola 4'	Posaune 16'
Flöte 4'	Flauto dolce 4'	
Mixtur 3f	Waldflöte 2'	
Trompete 8'		

Additional: II/I, I/I 4', I/P, P/I (Pedal to Manual), Kalkant

Sources

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