

Piņķi, Piņķu Jāņa baznīca

Skolas iela 17, LV-2107 Piņķi, Latvia



Builder	W. Sauer
Year	1890
Period/Style	Romantic
Stops	9
Keyboards	1+P
Keyaction	tracker/mechanical
Tuning	Equal

Description

The earliest known information about the organ in the Piņķi (then Nikolaja) Church dates back to the previous church, built in 1662 and expanded in 1766. In his autobiography, Ansis Leitāns recounts that in 1825, a pastor introduced an organ that was soon dismissed and returned. Subsequently, a new organ was purchased from J.C. Christien for 300 rubles and installed by the end of that year. This organ was later transferred to the Piņķi Annas Church in 1841, while the Nikolaja Church received a positive organ donated by Rīga merchant Samuel Grunwaldt, valued at 500 rubles.

The new Piņķi Church was consecrated on June 16, 1874, and the organ from the old church was described as "small but not weak." In 1890, a new organ was built by the prominent German firm W. Sauer, their 533rd organ. During World War I, all metal pipes were removed and replaced post-war by pipes from the A. Laukhuff firm. The organ suffered similar damage in World War II. In the 1970s, pipes from St. John's Church in Rīga were added to the Piņķi organ. Despite restoration attempts, including a contract with M. Valpēters in 1995, the expected results were not achieved.

In 2003, a new electric blower was installed. The instrument, built with high craftsmanship, features a romantic disposition with a dominance of 8' registers, lacking any 2' or quieter 4' registers, but including a Mixtur 2-4f, typical of W. Sauer's practice at the time. The original metal pipes were lost in both wars, but the organ's air system, especially the bellows, remains excellent. A project has been developed to restore the pipes according to the original measurements.

Stoplist/Disposition

Manual

Principal 8'

Flûte harmonique 8'

Gemshorn 8'

Viola di Gamba 8'

Gedackt 8'

Octave 4'

Mixtur 2-4 fach

Pedal

Subbass 16'

Octavbass 8'

Additional: Pedal Coppel, Collectivpedal

Sources

https://orgcat.lv/pinki_main.htm