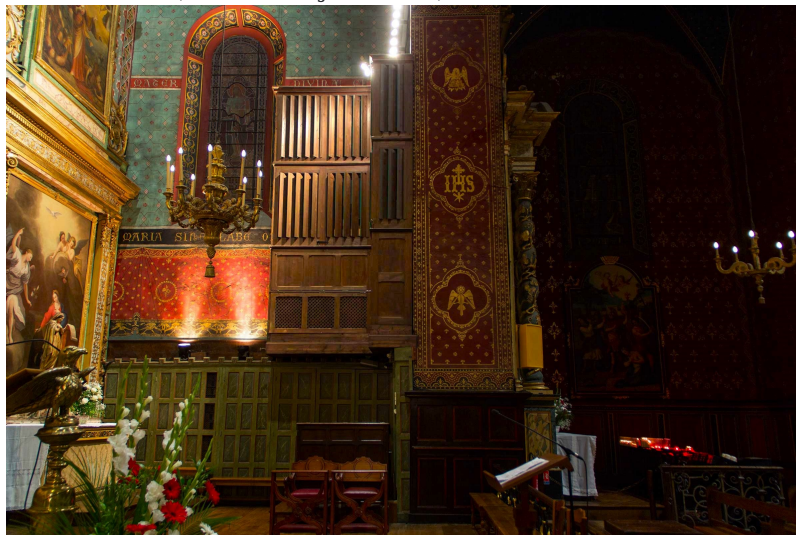


Saint-Jean-de-Luz, Église Saint-Jean-Baptiste (choeur)

Église Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Rue Léon Gambetta, 64500 Saint-Jean-de-Luz, France



Builder	V. Gonzalez
Year	ca. 1930
Period/Style	Neo-Classical
Stops	16
Keyboards	2+P
Keyaction	electrical
Tuning	Equal at 440 Hz
Sampleset	<u>Piotr Grabowski</u>

Description

The choir organ of Saint-Jean-Baptiste church in Saint-Jean-de-Luz (France) was built in 1930. Victor Gonzalez, who built this organ, was a famous organ-builder in France during the 20th century. He actively participated in the boom of new neoclassical aesthetic which combined Clicquot and Cavallé-Coll organs features.

In 2017, the instrument was in terrible shape. Therefore, in March 2018, it was decided by the parish and the association "Orgue à Saint-Jean-de-Luz" to start restoration works. In April 2019, the organ was fully playable, and it was re-inaugurated.

The restoration works were carried out by Pellerin & Uys - French organ-builder, who did some effective modifications including a new voicing to take full advantage of all stops. In the Grand-Orgue, the Sesquialtera was split into Nasard $2 \frac{2}{3}$ and Tierce $1 \frac{3}{5}$. He also added new couplers. The console and electrical action have been rebuilt. The compass of the pedal is from C to f3 and C to g5 for manuals.

The organ is situated in the chapel of the Virgin on the right side of the choir in an angle. The organ case does not have apparent pipes but consists of two enclosure boxes. The console is underneath the case, facing the right side of the altar.

All the restoration works resulted in rediscovering a beautiful instrument which is perfect for playing with choirs or with the great organ.

Stoplist/Disposition

Grand Orgue	Récit Expressif	Pédale
Bourdon 16	Flûte 8	Soubasse 16
Flûte harmonique 8	Flûte 4	Bourdon 8
Bourdon 8	Plein-jeu III	Flûte 8
Prestant 4	Trompette 8	Flûte 4
Quinte 2 2/3		Flûte 2
Doublette 2		
Tierce 1 3/5		

Additional: II 16/I, II 8/I, II 4/I, II 16/II, II 4/II, I/P, II/P, Annulation 8 GO, Tremblant

Sources

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