

Upītes, Opekalna baznīca

vecais lielceļš, LV-4336 Upītes, Latvia



Builder	Knauf
Year	ca. 1883
Period/Style	Romantic
Stops	13
Keyboards	2+P
Keyaction	tracker/mechanical
Tuning	Equal at 443 Hz

Description

The organ in the Opekalna Lutheran Church was built in 1883 by Thuringian organ builder Guido Knauf. This is confirmed by a publication in "Mājas Viesa" at the end of 1884. The inscription on the organ indicates the absence of pipes, as noted by J. Blūms on May 3, 1920, which stated that 77 pipes were missing at that time. These shortages were resolved only in 1932 when the organ, including at least part of the pipes, was restored by Riga master Jānis Ķukulis.

In 1994 and 2000, the organ was further restored by Viesturs Ilsums and Alvis Melbārdis. During these restorations, the bellows were completely re-glued, and a motor was installed. Melbārdis noted that many pipes had been replaced with zinc substitutes, some were inserted into different registers, and others had been shortened or adapted. By the time of restoration, 53 metal and 30 wooden pipes were missing. These missing pipes were crafted in 2000 by Melbārdis and Ilsums, based on the original measurements by G. Knauf. The organ, although differing slightly in appearance, is structurally similar to the 1878 organ built for the Palsmanes Lutheran Church, representing a classic two-manual romantic small organ disposition typical of Knauf instruments in Latvia.

Stoplist/Disposition

I. Manual	II. Manual	Pedal
Bourdon 16 Fuss	Salicional 8 Fuss	Subbass 16 Fuss
Principal 8 Fuss	Flauto traverso 8 Fuss	Cello 8 Fuss
Gedact 8 Fuss	Principal 4 Fuss	Gedactbass 8 Fuss
Octave 4 Fuss	Flauto dolce 4 Fuss	
Quinte & Octave 2 Fuss		
Mixtur 3fach		

Additional: Pedal Coppel, Manual Coppel, Calcant

Sources

https://orgcat.lv/opekals_main.htm