ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL

DAILY PROGRAM DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Monday — Lutheran Matins (choral)

Tuesday — Organ Recital

Wednesday — University Christian Fellowship Service (choral)

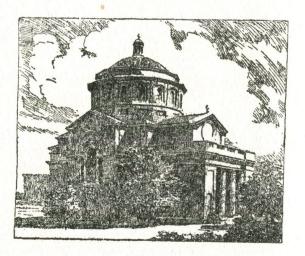
Thursday — Organ Recital

Friday — Choral Eucharist

Sunday — Morning Prayer or Holy Communion (full choir)

Numerous special musical services and programs are scheduled on Sunday evenings throughout the year.

Columbia University St. Paul's Chapel



DEMONSTRATION RECITAL of the CHAPEL ORGAN

for

THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

by

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MONDAY, JUNE 25 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 1956

The Program

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Toccata in F	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
NOËL: "Une Vierge Pûcelle"	. Nicolas le Bègue (1630-1702)
CHORALE PRELUDE	. Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
HYMNE D'ACTIONS DE GRACES "Te Deum" . (Trois Paraphrases Grégoriennes)	. Jean Langlais (1907-)

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The Organ in St. Paul's Chapel

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The instrument which was designed by G. Donald Harrison of the Aeolian-Skinner Organ Company, in consultation with Professor Lowell P. Beveridge, consists of four manuals and a Pedal Organ comprising 70 registers and 4,971 pipes. It was installed in 1938.

An attempt was made to design an instrument which, for its size, would be an ideal medium for the accompaniment of the Chapel Choir and for the proper rendition of the finest works found in the organ literature of all schools and periods. Naturally full advantage was taken of the results produced by the recent research among European organs of the classic period with a view to recreating the virility, richness and clarity of these instruments, and at the same time the flexibility and the more important tonal developments found in the modern organ have been retained.

The problem which the designers attempted to solve was the bringing together of the classical and modern ideals in such a manner as to fuse them into one harmonious whole. In trying to bring about this desired result it was found undesirable slavishly to copy the tonal design or the actual pipes of the earlier organs, or on the other hand to use modern innovations which might be considered as extreme in tonal quality. It was realized that the happiest results would be obtained by utilizing rather the underlying tonal ideals found in the classic organ, together with the advanced technique of the modern voicers.

The tonal principles actually employed may be briefly stated as follows:

- 1. The division of the manual voices into a series of departments, each having a complete and characteristic tonal structure contrasted both in timbre and pitch emphasis, the latter being obtained through the arrangement of the particular harmonic structure in each case.
 - 2. The use of low and moderate wind pressures.
- 3. The exclusive use of registers of soft and medium power only, having the necessary properties to enable them to combine with each other to obtain the maximum variety through the mixing of the various qualities, and so arranged as to pitch as to cause a smooth increase in the harmonic intensity as the instrument is built up by the gradual addition of the registers, thus imparting to the full ensemble an exceedingly complex texture of sound.
- 4. The employment of numerous compound Mixture stops and mutation registers for the production of tone colors that are peculiar to the organ, and also to insure extreme clarity in combination and ensemble.
- 5. The provision of a Pedal department comprising a complete ensemble formed from independent ranks of pipes, making it practically independent of the manual divisions.
- 6. The adaptation of the more modern stops to light wind pressure, thus imparting to them a quality more in keeping with the classic foundation.

In carrying the above principles into practice the organ has been divided into five manual divisions and a Pedal Organ as follows:

GREAT ORGAN —8' pitch emphasis, wind pressure 3", unenclosed.

BRUSTWERK —4' emphasis, pressure 2½", unenclosed and prominently located.

Positiv —2' emphasis, pressure 2", unenclosed and prominently located.

SWELL ORGAN —modern tonal design on 33/4" enclosed.

CHOIR ORGAN —on 33/4" enclosed.

PEDAL ORGAN —16' emphasis, unenclosed except for four registers duplexed from the enclosed manual divisions.

From the above arrangement it will be realized that the first three manual divisions with the Pedal form almost an ideal three manual and Pedal arrangement for the interpretation of the classic works of the organ, while the Great and Pedal taken with the Swell and Choir form a second group designed for the rendition of romantic and modern music. Naturally, the entire instrument

can be used by the performer as found desirable in the playing of any type of music, the clarity which has been imparted to the classical divisions being equally advantageous for both romantic and modern music. Similarly, in some classical compositions an enclosed modern solo voice can be used with enhanced effect.

The mechanism throughout is of modern design, the electro-principle having been employed for the key action and the remote control combination mechanism.

The fine acoustical properties of St. Paul's Chapel offer a real opportunity for the demonstration of the tonal qualities of such an instrument.

The complete specification of the organ follows:

GREAT ORGAN F	PIPES	SWELL ORGAN	PIPES	CHOIR ORGAN PIPES
16' Quintade	61	16' Lieblich Gedackt	73	16' Contra Viole 73
8' Principal	61	8' Diapason	73	8' Viole 73
8' Spitzflöte	61	8' Stopped Diapason	73	* 8' Dulciana 73
8' Bourdon	61	8' Viole-de-Gambe	73	* 8' Unda Maris
4' Principal	61	8' Viole Celeste	73	(Tenor C) 61
4' Rohrflöte	61	4' Octave	73	8' Orchestral Flute 73
23/3' Quint	61	4' Flauto Traverso	73	4' Fugara 73
2' Super Octave	61	2' Fifteenth	61	4' Flute Triangulaire 73
Cornet (III Rks.)	183	Mixture (IV Rks.)	244	2' Zauberflöte 61
Fourniture		16' Bombarde	73	Carillon (III Rks.) 183
(IV Rks.)	244	8' Hautbois	73	* 8' Clarinet 73
Cymbel		8' Trompette	73	* 8' Orchestral Oboe 73
(II to IV Rks.)	202	4' Clairon	73	Tremolo
16' Fagot	61	Tremolo		

^{*} denotes Old Pipe Work revoiced on the new pressures.

BRUSTWERK ORGAN	PIPES	PEDAL ORGAN	PIPES
8' Muted Viole	61	16' Principal	32
8' Gedackt	61	16' Bourdon	32
4' Spitzflöte	61	16' Viole (Choir)	
22/3' Nasat	61	16' Echo Lieblich (Swell)	
2' Blockflöte	61	8' Principal	32
1-3/5' Terz	61	8' Gedackt	32
Scharf (III Rks.)	183	8' Viole (Choir)	
,		8' Still Gedackt (Swell)	
POSITIV ORGAN	PIPES	51/3' Quint	32
8' Nason Flute	61	4' Choral Bass	32
4' Nachthorn	61	4' Koppel Flöte	32
2' Principal	61	2' Blockflöte	32
1½' Larigot	61	Mixture (III Rks.)	96
1' Sifflöte	61	Cymbel (II Rks.)	64
Sesquialtera (II Rks.)	122	16' Posaune	32
Zimbel (III Rks.)	183	8' Trompette	32
8' Krummhorn	61	4' Clairon	32
		4' Rohr Schalmei	32
		2' Cornet	32

COUPLERS

UNISON	OCTAVE	PEDAL
Swell to Great	Swell to Swell 4'	Swell to Pedal
Choir to Great	Swell to Swell 16'	Great to Pedal
Swell to Choir	Swell to Great 4'	Choir to Pedal
Brustwerk to Great	Swell to Great 16'	Brustwerk to Pedal
Positiv to Great	Choir to Choir 4'	Positiv to Pedal
	Choir to Choir 16'	Swell to Pedal 4'
	Choir to Great 4'	Choir to Pedal 4'
	Choir to Great 16'	
	Swell to Choir 4'	
	Swell to Choir 16'	

TRANSFERS

	Great on Choir - Positiv on Great Choir only
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COMBINATIONS

Adjustable at the console and visibly operating the draw stop knobs

GREAT	8 pistons and cancel	PEDAL	8 pistons and cancel
SWELL	8 pistons and cancel	—duplicated l	by toe studs
CHOIR	8 pistons and cancel	GENERAL	8 pistons
Positiv	8 pistons and cancel	—duplicated by toe studs	
BRUSTWERK	8 pistons and cancel	COUPLERS	3 pistons and cancel

MECHANICALS

16' Stops Off	Sforzando	Swell Expression
General Cancel	Crescendo	Choir Expression

REVERSIBLES

All intermanual and manual to Pedal couplers controlled by reversibles. Great to Pedal and Swell to Great duplicated by toe studs.