

CONTRACT

1 Articles of Agreement made this 2 day of April 1928,
by and between the SKINNER ORGAN COMPANY, INC., of BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
hereinafter called the Builder and First M. E. Church
Kalamazoo Michigan
hereinafter called the Purchaser.

2 For, and in Consideration of the sum of Seventeen thousand
five hundred dollars (\$17500.00)
Dollars, to be paid by the Purchaser to the Builder, the said Builder agrees to build an organ
according to the annexed specifications, in a most thorough and artistic manner, and install it
in First Methodist Church Kalamazoo Mich
complete in every detail and fully warranted, estimated on or about

October 1 1928
This date is not a consideration or term of this contract, but is given in good faith and full expectation of prompt delivery, subject, however, to delays from fires, strikes or causes beyond the control of the Builder, and especially subject to delays from freight embargoes or other interferences.

3 It is agreed that the amount of any State or Federal Tax levied on the manufacture or sale of said organ or in any other manner levied on the transaction set forth in this agreement, shall be added to the purchase price hereinabove set forth, and paid by the Purchaser.

4 It is understood and agreed that the materials and labor entering into the organ hereinabove contracted for are to be procured by the Builder in the State of Massachusetts, and that said organ is to be constructed by the Builder in the State of Massachusetts from which State it is to be transported in interstate commerce to the State of _____ where it is to be installed by the Builder as hereinabove set forth.

5 The Purchaser agrees that when the Builder is ready to proceed with the installation of the organ, the Purchaser will keep the building at a suitable temperature as required by the Builder and provide and allow the use of suitable electric current for tone regulation, tuning, testing and lighting; that he shall provide a condition of quiet within the building for the proper tone regulation of the organ, and that he shall hold the Builder harmless from interference with his workmen during the installation. The Purchaser further agrees to assume all risk of damage to the organ by fire, lightning, water or tornado while contained in the said building and to insure the same in good reliable companies for the benefit of the parties hereto as their interests may appear.

6 If the building is not in proper condition for the organ to be erected when the organ is ready for shipment, and it becomes necessary to place the organ in storage, to be held until the building is ready for installation, the Purchaser agrees to pay the cost of such storage, or to arrange for such storage in a proper place at their own expense, provided of course that the organ builder does not complete said organ at the factory before the proper time for shipment, in accordance with contract date of completion.

7 It is mutually agreed that, in view of the fact that the presence of rubbish and dust, especially from plaster, when an organ is being erected causes not only immediate but future troubles in the functioning of any organ, the building in which the organ herein referred to is to be erected shall not be considered ready for the erection of said organ until the organ chambers and the adjacent parts of the building are entirely free from rubbish and dust. In other words, it is understood that the organ erection shall not be started until any other workmen liable to create rubbish and dust shall be out of the way entirely, and furthermore, if after the organ erection men once start their work, they are interrupted by other workmen creating rubbish and dust, or making such noise as to interfere with tuning, the losses in time and expense caused by the lack of proper and reasonable conditions for organ erection and tuning, shall be paid by the Purchaser in addition to the contract price herein mentioned.

8 The Purchaser agrees to inform the Builder as to where the organ and console are to be located, and the dimensions of the spaces to be occupied before the plans or construction of the organ are begun. After these dimensions have been so determined the Purchaser shall not permit any changes to be made in the dimensions of the organ spaces, nor the installation of any obstructions such as pipes, posts, etc., and shall hold the Builder harmless from such changes or obstructions.

9 The Purchaser, in consideration of the agreement herein of the Builder, hereby requests the Builder to construct and erect said organ and agrees to purchase the same and to pay therefor the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred
dollars (\$17,500.00)

as follows:—

When the contract is signed, twenty-five (25%) per cent. of the total contract price amounting

to four thousand three hundred seventy five dollars (\$4375)

When the principal portion of said organ is manufactured ready to assemble in the factory of

the Builder, twenty-five (25%) per cent. of the total contract price amounting to

four thousand three hundred seventy five dollars (\$4375)

Upon the delivery at the above named building of the principal portion of said organ, twenty-

five (25%) per cent. of the total contract price amounting to four thousand

three hundred seventy five dollars (\$4375.00)

Upon the erection of said organ complete, in accordance herewith, the Purchaser agreeing to examine said organ immediately in the presence of a representative of the Builder, and when

accepted, the balance of said contract price, to wit, the sum of four thousand
three hundred seventy five (\$4375.00)

provided, however, that when said organ is ready for erection and is held up by the inability for any reason of the Purchaser to have the installation proceed, all payments are immediately due up to ninety (90%) per cent. of the contract price.

10 Final payment is immediately due upon use of the organ in service or in other public manner.

11 Final payment shall not be withheld on account of minor adjustments for which the Builder is liable under its warranty.

12 It is mutually agreed that the title to and ownership of said organ shall be and remain in the Builder until the contract price as heretofore stated and all promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness and renewals thereof have been fully paid with interest at the current rate upon any amount not paid when due, and that upon such payment said organ shall become the property of the Purchaser.

13 It is understood and agreed that the delivery and acceptance of promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness shall not be considered payment until the full amount of the same and of any renewals thereof shall have been paid in full with interest.

14 All verbal agreements and understandings are merged in this contract and the specifications and details of construction attached hereto which comprise the entire contract, and no change, alteration or modification made verbally or in any other way, will be binding upon the Builder, unless the same be made in writing signed by an executive officer of the said Builder.

15 In witness whereof, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals this

2 day of April 1928.

SKINNER ORGAN COMPANY, INC.

Witness

By

Ernest M. Skinner

Witness

H. Cooper Ben. L. Haman
Musta Bakh 8317 commeter
Purchaser Building
Birmingham

SKINNER ORGAN COMPANY, INC.

ORGAN ARCHITECTS AND BUILDERS FOR CHURCHES, AUDITORIUMS, THEATRES AND RESIDENCES

Boston, Mass., March 19, 1928.

SPECIFICATION OF AN ORGAN PREPARED FOR

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
Kalamazoo, Mich.

| <u>GREAT ORGAN</u> | | <u>PIPES</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 150 | 16' Bourdon (ped extension) | |
| 350 | 8' Diapason | 61 |
| 350 | 8' Principal Flute | 61 |
| 200 | 8' Swell Rohrflöte | |
| 50 | 8' Swell Flute Celeste | |
| 250 | 4' Octave | 61 |
| 50 | 8' Swell Trumpet | |
| <u>SWELL ORGAN</u> | | |
| | 16' Bourdon | 73 |
| 350 | 8' Diapason | 73 |
| 350 | 8' Rohrflöte | 73 |
| 350 | 8' Salicional | 73 |
| 350 | 8' Voix Celeste | 73 |
| 500 | 8' Flute Celeste (II Ranks) | 134 |
| 350 | 8' Echo Gamba | |
| 250 | 4' Flute Triangulaire | 73 |
| 250 | 4' Octave | 73 |
| 350 | Mixture (III Ranks) | 183 |
| 500 | 16' Contra Altus | |
| 350 | 8' Cornet Trumpet | 73 |
| | 8' Oboe | 73 |
| 350 | 8' Vox Humana | 61 |
| 57 00 | Tremolo | |

Shop spec checked
with this copy
5/2/28
W.M.

CHOIR ORGAN

PIPES

350 8' Concert Flute
 350 8' Gamba
 250 4' Flute
 350 8' Clarinet
 600 8' Harp)
) 61
 4' Celesta)
 Tremolo

73

73

73

61

PEDAL ORGAN - Augmented

700 16' Contra Bass
 450 16' Bourdon

32

32

~~16' Echo Bourdon (Swell)~~

150 8' Octave

12

50 8' Gedeckt

12

150 16' Contra Bass

32 (sw)

3400

C O U P L E R S

Swell to Great)
 Choir to Great) Unison
 Swell to Choir)

Swell to Swell 4')
 Swell to Swell 16')
 Swell to Great 4')
 Swell to Great 16') Octave
 Choir to Choir 4')
 Choir to Choir 16')
 Choir to Great 4')
 Choir to Great 16')

Swell to Pedal)
 Great to Pedal)
 Choir to Pedal) Pedal
 Swell to Pedal 4')

COMBINATIONS - Adjustable at the console and visibly operating the draw stop knobs.

GREAT - 1,2,3,4
 SWELL - 1,2,3,4,5
 CHOIR - 1,2,3,4
 PEDAL - 1,2,3,4

MECHANICALS

Swell Expression
Choir Expression
Crescendo Pedal
Great to Pedal Reversible
Sforzando

SKINNER ORGAN COMPANY, INC.

DETAILS OF CONSTRUCTION

The builder warrants the action and construction in every particular, and agrees to make good any defects in materials and workmanship which may appear within five years.

Action to be electro pneumatic.

Casing of console to be of oak, or of any other wood of equal value; of simple design to harmonize with the period of the architecture of the building.

An organist's bench of same material as console casing.

All basses of the larger winded stops on separate chests.

The organ builder is to furnish and instal an electric blowing plant, consisting of a motor, blower, remote control self-starter and generator for action current, all of ample size to meet any legitimate demand which may be made thereon by the instrument, according to the specifications.

The purchaser shall furnish a suitable foundation for the motor and blower, connect the motor with the power current, instal a No. 14 wire from the console to the self starter, do all cutting of floors, partitions, etc., and the running of required conduits and wind conductors from the blower which may be necessary; and shall prepare the organ chamber in accordance with plans which shall be furnished by the organ builder.

The organ is to be erected in the building, tone regulated, tuned and left ready for use.

~~No organ case or~~ Front display pipe work is included in this estimate.

PRICE: \$17,500.00

SHOP LETTER

CONTRACT QUESTIONNAIRE

G. L. CATLIN

Emil Kuntz