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Covenant Presbyterian Church Long Beach, California

The Sanctuary Organ Aeolian-Skinner Organ Company Opus 1458 – 1966

n 1966, the Aeolian-Skinner Organ Company of Boston built their Opus 1458 for the new Sanctuary of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Included in this instrument were 28 ranks of pipes from the 1910 Murray M. Harris organ removed from Old First Church and revoiced or repitched by Aeolian-Skinner. As part of Covenant's stewardship over the instrument, the organ was restored in 1994. It was determined at that time that the organ console (which controls the organ) could wait for rebuilding at a future date. Additionally, it was suggested that the organ be made capable of operating MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) equipped instruments as a part of this project. This required the installation of a new solid state relay.

In the summer of 1998 the console of the organ was removed from the Sanctuary in conjunction with an extensive redecorating and renovation plan for that room. The console was completely "gutted" by Robert Turner



Organbuilders, of Hacienda Heights. The shell, keyboards, music desk and bench were retained and the console was refitted with all new electric stop, thumb piston, coupler, toe stud and swell shoe controls. In addition, the console was placed on a rolling platform which makes it easier for the choir to see the organist/director and makes it possible for the console to be brought out to the center aisle for organ concerts.



New to the organ in 1998 are five digital stops, including two pedal 32' stops. The Walker Digital Instrument Corporation built all of the digital stops. Also new in 1998 is a Festival Trumpet voiced and installed on a new windchest built by Covenant's organ curators, D. H. Cable & Associates as well as an 8 bell Zimbelstern.

The organ has been equipped with a Roland sound module (digital synthesizer) provided by Robert Tall and Associates. This MIDI device resides in the organ chamber and plays through the Walker amplification equipment.

The 25 level combination system in the console is extremely versatile. Its storage capabilities are 50 times greater than that which was available when the organ was built in 1966, utilizing only a fraction of the space required for the old mechanical combination machines.

Today, the Sanctuary organ at Covenant is one of the finest equipped and sounding instruments in the South Bay area. It now consists of 58 ranks, 3,355 pipes and 5 digital stops.

	GREAT ORGAN			PEDAL ORGA	<u>AN</u>	COMBINATION ACTION		
16	Gemshorn	61 pipes	32	Contra Violone	digital	(25 levels of mer	nory)	
8	Principal	61 pipes	32	Contra Bourdon	8 pipes	General 1-14	Pistons	
8	Doppel Flöte	61 pipes	16			Duplicated on Toe St	Duplicated on Toe Studs	
8	Gemshorn	12 pipes	16	Subbass	32 pipes	Swell 1-8	Pistons	
4	Octave	61 pipes	16	Gemshorn (Gr)		Great 1-8	Pistons	
4	Harmonic Flute	61 pipes	16	Gedeckt (Sw)	12 pipes	Choir 1-8	Pistons	
2	Flach Flöte	61 pipes	8	Octave	32 pipes	Antiphonal 0-4	Pistons	
	Fourniture IV	244 pipes	8	Gemshorn (Gr)		Pedal 1-8	Toe Studs	
8	Tromba	61 pipes	8	Flute	32 pipes	1-6 Duplicated on Pi	stons	
8	Festival Trumpet	61 pipes	4	Choral Bass	32 pipes	Great to Pedal	Piston	
	Chimes	21 tubes	4	Wald Flöte	32 pipes	Duplicated on Toe St	tud	
	Zimbelstern	8 bells		Mixture IV	128 pipes	Swell to Pedal	Piston	
			32	Contra Bombarde	digital	Duplicated on Toe St	tud	
	SWELL ORGAN			Basson (Sw)		Choir to Pedal	Piston	
16	Lieblich Gedeckt	digital	16	Bombarde	32 pipes	Duplicated on Toe St	tud	
8	Viola Pomposa	68 pipes	8	Trompette	12 pipes	Antiphonal to Pedal	Piston	
8	Viola Celeste	68 pipes	4	Clarion	12 pipes	Duplicated on Toe St	tud	
8	Rohr Flöte	68 pipes	4	Clarinet (Ch)		Swell to Choir	Piston	
8	Aeoline Celeste II	124 pipes				32 Contra Violone	Toe Lever	
4	Prestant	68 pipes		ANTIPHONAL O	RGAN	32 Contra Bourdon	Toe Lever	
4	Flauto Traverso	68 pipes	8	Rohr Flöte	61 pipes	32 Contra Bombarde	Toe Lever	
2	Octavin	61 pipes	8	Spitz Flöte	61 pipes	Zimbelstern	Toe Lever	
	Plein Jeu III-IV	226 pipes	4	Principal	61 pipes	Full Organ	Piston	
16	Basson	68 pipes		Mixture III-V	269 pipes	Duplicated on Toe L	ever	
8	Trompette	68 pipes				Memory Level Up	Piston	
8	Hautbois	12 pipes	A	NTIPHONAL PEDA	L ORGAN	Memory Level Down	Piston	
8	Voix Humaine	68 pipes	16	Rohrbass	12 pipes	Memory Level Clear	Piston	
4	Clairon	68 pipes				Memory Level Copy	Piston	
	Tremulant			COUPLERS	3	Crescendo Level I	Piston	
	Sub		8	Great to Pedal		Crescendo Level II	Piston	
	Unison Off		8	Swell to Pedal		Crescendo Level III	Piston	
	Super		4	Swell to Pedal	PERSONAL PROPERTY.	Crescendo Level IV	Piston	
				Choir to Pedal		Crescendo Set	Piston	
CHOIR ORGAN			4	Choir to Pedal		Crescendo Up	Piston	
8	Quintadena	68 pipes	8	Antiphonal to Ped	lal	Crescendo Down	Piston	
8	Geigen Prinzipal	68 pipes		Pedal Divide		Set	Piston	
8	Cor De Nuit	68 pipes	16	Swell to Great		Scope	Piston	
8	Erzähler	68 pipes	8	Swell to Great		General Cancel	Piston	
8	Erzähler Celeste	56 pipes	4	Swell to Great		Divisional Name Plate	Cancels	
4	Fugara	68 pipes	16	Choir to Great				
4	Koppel Flöte	68 pipes	- 8	Choir to Great		MIDI		
2 ² /3	Nazard	61 pipes	4	Choir to Great		(Musical Instrument Dig	ital Interface)	
2	Block Flöte	61 pipes		Antiphonal on Gr	eat	Great MIDI I		
	Tierce	57 pipes	16			Great MIDI II		
8	Cor Anglais	digital	8	Swell to Chair		Swell MIDI I		
8	Clarinet	68 pipes	4	Swell to Choir		Swell MIDI II		
	Harp	digital		Antiphonal on Ch	oir	Choir MIDI I		
	Tremulant		8	Choir to Swell		Choir MIDI II		
	Sub			Antiphonal on Swell		Pedal MIDI I		
	Unison Off			Great-Choir Tran	sfer	Pedal MIDI II		
	Super					Control Panel		
8	Festival Trumpet	(Gr)				MIDI Sustain	Toe Lever	
						MIDI Cancel	CP Button	