

Pipe Organ Garage Sale Listing - Description

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Up for sale is a very large lot of miscellaneous pipework and components from many makers, eras, pressures, and conditions. To give a little insight into the inventory, this was a hobbyist/enthusiast project that was attempting to create 3 separate organs...but not quite separate in a very large home.

There was only one complete organ, that being a 7 rank Wurlitzer, but over time it has been so altered, only 4 original ranks survive. Between that organ and the other two, there was an attempt to get between 52 and 56 ranks playing, but no chests were ever winded, no wiring was ever connected, and the console was only connected for a time to the Wurlitzer. It is impossible for us to tell what pressures pipework was on, except what we know came standard from factory records on Morton and Wurlitzer and Wicks pipework. Most of the chests are either Wicks or supply house DE chests, but several Robert Morton chests and Wurlitzer chests are included. On a whole, the pipework condition runs the gamut. Some is in need of repair and has been abused.

Because of the nature of the situation surrounding the house and property within, we will need to be on site for any removal , and the purchaser is responsible for the removal of any purchased items. The organs are all in-place and getting anything out will require a small crew as all the pipework is still in place on chests, on a 3rd floor. We understand this is not ideal, but were dealing with the cards being dealt. All pipework will need to come down 3 flights of stairs, as will any chest, trap, etc. There is a large quantity of Robert Morton pipework and traps, a large quantity of Wicks pipework and chests, and some Wurlitzer, followed by various supply houses with a few scattered ranks by known builders. Getting anything out will take time and patience. Pictures of each rank aren't available, and some ranks are missing pipes, that may or may not turn up at a later date, there is no way of knowing for sure.

This is a massive estate with several barns and stacks of old parts and trays, some containing pipes, some empty, stacks of pipes both metal and wood. We have listed what we could identify and will be as honest as we can about condition and feasibility of removal. Accessing some pipework will be a challenge as several walkboards are not entirely safe. One chest was totally inaccessible and 12' off the floor so we still don't know exactly what was on it, except a string, flute, maybe a smaller flute and some kind of oboe, to give an idea.

Marketplace is fighting me on this posting so please PM me for the price list. We have been appointed by the court to sell as much as we can, but we're being realistic about prices here and there will be room for negotiations.

We'd rather see this stuff sell even at reduced rate than see the entire Organ go to the dumpster. The timeline is totally out of our control as is the wrecking crew who will be removing what doesn't sell.

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