The Heinz Memorial Chapel Pipe Organ

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THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

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he pipe organ in the Heinz Memorial Chapel at the University of

Pittsburgh, Opus 2176 of the Reuter Organ Company, is the generous gift of The Howard Heinz Endowment. The third organ to serve the Chapel, it has 4,272 pipes (73 ranks) and three electronic pedal stops.

The decision to restore and enhance the organ was hastened by new technology, ongoing maintenance concerns, and impending structural changes in the Chapel. Dr. Robert S. Lord, University organist, in consultation with David R. Salmen of the Reuter Organ Company, Lawrence, Kansas, prepared a design plan that envisioned the instrument reflecting the magnificence of the building—its

soaring height, fine Gothic ar-

chitectural detailing, and exquisite stained glass.

The organ, re-created in 1994-95, represents a trend in American organ building to re-use existing materials in an environmentally friendly and musically sound manner. This tradition has been practiced in Europe for centuries, with the most celebrated instruments having their musical basis built upon existing instruments.

The project had two phases. The first phase rebuilt the two-manual console for the antipho-

nal organ in the rear gallery, added new stops, and revoiced others before the chancel organ was dismantled. Thus, the Chapel was never without an organ to play for its many services and events. The second phase of the project rebuilt the chancel organ, culminating in the installation of a new three-manual, state-of-theart console that controls the entire instrument. Its hand-carved detailing replicates designs from the chancel rail. For concerts, the console may be moved to the front of the

To create the stunning musical effect of this organ, it became necessary to replace

nearly all of the previous instrument's principal choruses and mixtures. The Reuter Company designed new pipework of proper scaling and

mixtures with entirely new compositions. Most of the organ's flute and string choruses were retained and revoiced. Several new solo voices were added to enrich and complete the organ. Of the instrument's battery of 13 ranks of reeds, only three were retained from the previous instrument. New reed designs were employed to explore the musical luxury of having eight different ranks of trumpet stops. The Swell reed chorus is decidedly French in character, while the Choir and Great have more English influ-

ence. The commanding English Tuba, voiced on 25 inches of wind, is housed in its own expression chamber in the ceiling of the Chapel, nearly 90 feet above the transept floor.

In addition to musical considerations, mechanical repairs were necessary. Reuter made additions to the chest work and releathered the organ's 29 bellows along with all of the main organ's primaries and the individual pouch pneumatics of the Swell and Choir. The organ was completely rewired. Reuter replaced the Swell and Choir expression louvers and motors. The University cleaned and painted the organ chambers and constructed a new room

for the main organ blower.

Finally came the artistic process of voicing the instrument. The tonal finishing was done by Salmen and Stephen Barnhart. Each of the organ's 4,272 pipes was regulated for color, power, blend, attack, and pitch. During this phase of organ building, an instrument's beauty is discovered and the organ is married to the acoustics of the building. Upon completion, the Heinz Memorial Chapel organ was described as matching the brilliance and color of the famous Connick windows—possessing the presence and power to make the stones of the building sing.

The Heinz Memorial Chapel,

an interdenominational chapel, is a gift to the University from Henry John Heinz and his children.

The University is most grateful for the ongoing support provided to the Chapel by the Heinz family and their philanthropies.

Annually the Chapel is the site of approximately 1,500 events; more than 100,000 people participate in religious services, weddings, concerts, classes, lectures, memorial services, and guided tours.

Many simply seek its peace and beauty as a refuge.

Dedicated to culture, an understanding response to beauty and religious worship, as the Heinz family intended, the Chapel is a vital part of the University of Pittsburgh and the community.

By its presence, it teaches that which cannot be measured or analyzed.

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GREAT			SWELL		PEDAL				
16	Rohrbourdon	73 pipes	16	Contre Gamba	80 pipes	32	Untersatz	32 notes*	
8	Principal	61 pipes	16	Flûte à Cheminée	80 pipes	32	Sub Bourdon	32 notes*	
8	Harmonic Flute	73 pipes	8	Flûte à Cheminée	68 notes	16	Principal	32 pipes	
8	Rohrbourdon	61 notes	8	Viola da Gamba	68 notes	16	Bourdon	56 pipes	
4	Octave	61 pipes	8	Voix Céleste	56 pipes	16	Contre Gamba	32 notes	
4	Harmonic Flute	61 notes	4	Principal	68 pipes	16	Rohrbourdon	32 notes	
2	Fifteenth	61 pipes	4	Flûte Harmonique	68 pipes	16	Flûte à Cheminée	32 notes	
IV	Fourniture	244 pipes	2 2/3	Nazard	61 pipes	-8	Octave	32 pipes	
III	Cymbale	183 pipes	2	Flûte à bec	61 pipes	8	Bourdon	32 notes	
16	Tromba	85 pipes	1 3/5	Tierce	61 pipes	8	Viola da Gamba	32 notes	
8	Tromba	61 notes	IV	Plein Jeu	244 pipes	8	Spitzflute	44 pipes	
4	Tromba	61 notes	16	Bombarde	68 pipes	8	Rohrbourdon	32 notes	
8	Tuba	61 pipes	8	Trompette	68 pipes	8	Flûte à Cheminée	32 notes	
	Chimes	25 tubes	8	Hautbois	68 pipes	4	Choral Bass	32 pipes	
	Tremulant		8	Voix Humaine	68 pipes	4	Bourdon	32 notes	
	Great-Great 16		4	Clarion	68 pipes	4	Spitzflute	32 notes	
	Great Unison Off		8	Tuba	61 notes	4	Harmonic Flute	32 notes	
	Great-Great 4			Tremulant		2	Nachthorn	32 pipes	
	Swell-Great 16			Swell-Swell 16		III	Mixture	96 pipes	
	Swell-Great 8			Swell Unison Off		32	Contra Posaune	32 notes*	
	Swell-Great 4			Swell-Swell 4		16	Posaune	56 pipes	
	Antiphonal Positive	Great 16		owen owen .		16	Tromba	32 notes	
	Antiphonal Positive		Сно	TR		16	Bombarde	32 notes	
	Antiphonal Positive		8	Diapason	61 pipes	8	Posaune	32 notes	
	Antiphonai i ositive	Great	8	Dolcan	61 pipes	8	Tromba	32 notes	
ANIT	TPHONAL GREAT		8	Dolcan Céleste	49 pipes	8	Bombarde	32 notes	
		56 pipes	8	Stopped Flute	61 pipes	4	Posaune	32 notes	
8	Prestant Hohlflute		4	Octave	61 pipes	4	Bombarde	32 notes	
8		56 pipes		Twelfth	61 pipes	8	Tuba	32 notes	
8	Gemshorn	56 pipes				O	Chimes	32 110103	
4	Prinzipal	56 pipes	2	Recorder	61 pipes		Great-Pedal 8		
2	Blockflote	56 pipes		Seventeenth	61 pipes		Great-Pedal 4		
	Quint	56 pipes		Nineteenth	61 pipes		Swell-Pedal 8		
II	Sesquialtera	60 pipes	III	Scharff	183 pipes		Swell-Pedal 4		
8	Krummhorn	56 pipes	16	Dulcian	61 pipes				
	Zimbelstern		8	Tromba	61 notes		Choir-Pedal 8 Choir-Pedal 4		
	Tremulant		8	Trumpet	61 pipes			Dodal 0	
	Antiphonal Great-Great 16 Antiphonal Great Unison Off		8	Shawm	61 pipes		Antiphonal Great-Pedal 8		
			16	Tuba tc	49 notes		Antiphonal Great-Pedal 4		
	Antiphonal Great-C	Great 4	8	Tuba	61 notes		Antiphonal Positi		
			4	Tuba	49 notes		Antiphonal Positi	ve-Pedal 4	
ANT	ANTIPHONAL POSITIVE			Tremulant			* indicates Allen electronic		
8	Holzgedeckt	56 pipes		Choir-Choir 16			" inaicates Ai	ien electronic	
4	Koppelflute	56 pipes		Choir Unison Off		70	0 1	1.	
2	Weitprinzipal	56 pipes		Choir-Choir 4			rson Orga-plex swit		
1	Sifflote	56 pipes		Swell-Choir 16			Tranposer - Midi sequencer		
III	Zimbel	168 pipes		Swell-Choir 8			rson Master Stop Pr		
8	Petite Trumpet	56 pipes		Swell-Choir 4			8 Addressable mer	mory banks	
8	Krummhorn	56 notes				2	O General pistons	(OF OW	
	Tremulant			TPHONAL PEDAL			6 Divisional pistons for GT, SW,		
	Antiphonal Positive-Positive 16 Antiphonal Positive Unison Off		16	Holzgedeckt	12 pipes		CH, ANT. POS, ANT. GT, PD, ANT. PD, MIDI		
			8	Prestant	32 notes				
Antiphonal Positive-Positive 4		8	Holzgedeckt	32 notes	1	1 Reversibles			
	1		4	Prestant	32 notes		3 Tutti		
			8	Krummhorn	32 notes				
			4	Krummhorn	32 notes				