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Dear Alan:

About a week ago I promised you a description of a residence organ which is for sale in the Chicago area. The instrument was originally installed in a Roman Catholic church, and was moved to a home in Lake Forest, where Walter and I installed it in a finished basement in 1982. The family is planning to move from the home later this year, and the organ is being offered for sale. The instrument was built in the 1930's, and contains the following pipework:

16' Bourdon, 97 notes (Notes 1-48 are wood, with bored stoppers for n.25-48.)  
8' Open Diapason, 73 notes  
8' Dulciana, 61 notes  
8' Gamba, 61 notes

Walter and I modified the organ to sit under an 8' ceiling by lowering the swell box and tubing the offset pipes horizontally onto racks attached to the back of the swell box. These offsets consist of 12 Open Diapasons and 19 Gamba/Dulciana pipes. There are no mitred pipes in the organ. The low 12 notes of the 16' Bourdon sit on two additional chests, the first of which (for notes 1-5) is also on its side. The chest dimensions are:

Main chest, with swell box: 51" deep x 89" high (from floor) x 106" wide.  
(31 tubed offsets add 25" to depth of box; swell box lacks roof.)

16' Bourdon notes 1-5: 10" x 39"  
16' Bourdon notes 6-12: 10" x 47"

When last played, several years ago, the chests all worked; however I do not know when they were last releathered, and probably are in need of it. The reservoir (40" x 52", with external curtain valve) and tremulant do need releathering. Wind is supplied by a #1004 Meidinger blower, new in 1981. The organ has a 2mp stop tab console with 27 tablets and 4 mechanical stop action pistons per manual. The relay is the original behind-key version, there are a crescendo pedal and a mechanical swell pedal. The pedal board and bench are included. The console lacks rear and side panels, and its cable to the chests has been cut. There are also twelve miscellaneous casework panels with the organ, not installed.

All reasonable offers will be considered. Buyer is to remove carefully. Please call with any questions, and thanks for your help. I'll let you know when I have a 'must move' date for removal.



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