NORWICH CATHEDRAL



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The first known reference to an organ in Norwich Cathedral dates from the 14th century. Since then, many notable organ builders, including Thomas Dallam, Renatus Harris, John Byfield and J.C. Bishop, have been associated with instruments at the Cathedral.

In 1899 a new five-manual organ was built by Norman & Beard; the main part was located on the screen, and the larger stops in the north and south triforia. It was badly damaged by fire during a service of Evensong on 9th April 1938. Rebuilding and considerable enlargement of the instrument was already under way, a contract having been agreed with William Hill & Son and Norman & Beard. This work, which was completed in 1942, included lateral division of the screen organ so that one part spoke to the west and the other to the east. The Great Organ was divided into two sections: a forceful Primary Great in the south triforium, and a lighter Secondary Great on the screen. The case by Stephen Dykes Bower was added in 1950.

Alterations in 1970 by Hill Norman and Beard saw extensive tonal revision, designed to make the organ more suitable for the performance of the Baroque repertoire.

An important aim of the 2023 rebuild was to improve the cohesion of the screen organ and make it speak effectively to both west and east. A new Great Organ was provided within the case, leaving the Grand Organ (the old Primary Great) as a large supplementary chorus in the triforium. The layout was radically revised, with new slider soundboards and electro-pneumatic actions. The case pipes, cymbelstern and crown were regilded by Robert Woodland & Son.

With the exception of the Bourdon and principal chorus, all of the Pedal pipes are located in the north and south triforia. The new console is on the north side of the screen.

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PEDAL ORGAN					GREAT ORGAN (Screen)			GRAND ORGAN (Triforium)		
1.	Double Open Wood	(from 3)	32	† 46.	Double Geigen	16	91.	Double Open Diapason	16	
2.	Open Wood I	()	16		Open Diapason I	8		Open Diapason I	8	
3.	Open Wood II		16		Open Diapason II	8		Open Diapason II	8	
4.	Open Diapason I		16	† 49.		8		Harmonic Clarabella	8	
5.	Open Diapason II	(Grand)	16		Octave	4	1	Octave	4	
6.	Violone	(Grand)	16		Principal	4		Octave Quint	$2^{2}/_{3}$	
7.	Viole	(Solo)	16	* 52.		4		Super Octave	2 73	
8.	Bourdon	(3010)	16	* 53.		$2^{2}/_{3}$		Mixture 19.22.26.29	IV	
9.	Lieblich Bourdon	(Chain)	16	* 54.	`	2 /3		Bass Trumpet	16	
	Dulciana	(Choir)	16		Flautina	2		Tromba		
10.			$10^{2}/_{3}$						8	
11.	Quint	(6 2)				IV	1101.	Clarion Grand on Choir	4	
12.	Octave Wood	(from 2)	8			III	±102			
13.		(from 4)	8		Cornet (g20) 1.8.12.15.17	V	102.	Cymbelstern		
	Principal		8	* 59.	Posaune	8				
15.		(from 6)	8		Choir to Great Solo to Great Swell to Great Great on Choir					
16.	Bass Flute	(from 8)	8		Swell to Great Great on Choir			COMBINATION		
* 17.	Twelfth		$5^{1}/_{3}$		SWELL ORGAN		COUPLERS			
18.	1	(from 4)	4					COUPLERS		
* 19.	Fifteenth		4		Bourdon	16		Great and Pedal Piston	S	
20.	Octave Flute	(from 8)	4		Open Diapason	8		Pedal to Swell Pistons		
21.	Mixture 19.22.26.29		IV	† 62.	Lieblich Gedackt	8		Generals on Swell Foot Pis		
22.	Contra Trombone	(from 23)	32	* 63.	Salicional	8		Generals on Swell 1 ool 1 is	10115	
23.	Trombone		16	* 64.	Voix Céleste (tenor c)	8				
24.	Bass Trumpet	(Grand)	16	65.	Principal	4				
25.	Orchestral Trumpet	(Solo)	16	66.	Lieblich Flute	4				
* 26.	Trumpet	(Swell)	16	67.	Fifteenth	2		ACCESSORIES		
27.	Clarion	(from 23)	8		Sesquialtera 12.17	II				
28.	Octave Clarion	(from 23)	4		Mixture 15.19.22.26.29	V	Ter	n foot pistons to the Pedal O	rgan	
					Oboe	8	Ter	n pistons to the Choir Organ		
Choir to Pedal Great to Pedal Swell to Pedal Solo to Pedal				Vox Humana	8	Ter	n pistons to the Great Organ			
Pedal Divide				, ,	Tremulant		Te	n pistons to the Swell Organ		
				* 72	Double Trumpet	16		(duplicated on foot pistons)		
CHOIR ORGAN (unenclosed)					Trumpet	8		n pistons to the Solo Organ		
	Lieblich Bourdon				Horn	8		n general pistons		
1	Open Diapason		16		Clarion	4		o coupler pistons		
† 30. † 31.	Viole d'Amour		8 8	. 73.		4		neral cancel piston		
1					Octave Unison Off Sub Octave Solo to Swell	Off Sub Octave Podel agreed pictor				
† 32. † 32.	Rohr Flute		8					ubles off piston		
† 33. * 34	Gemshorn 4 Open Flute 4			30		Reversible pistons to all unison couplers,				
	Open Flute		•		SOLO ORGAN			and to 32ft Double Open W		
	Nazard		$2^{2}/_{3}$	7.6		1.0		and 32ft Contra Trombone	004	
1	Fifteenth		2		Contra Viole (from 77)	16		versible foot pistons to 32ft	Double Open	
* 37.	Block Flute		2	77.		8		Wood, 32ft Contra Trombo		
	Tierce		$1^{3}/_{5}$		Violes Célestes (2 ranks from teno			Cymbelstern	are una	
	Larigot		$1^{1}/_{3}$		Harmonic Flute	8		pper, operating general pisto	nne	
* 40.	Mixture 15.19.22.26		IV		Octave Viole (from 77)	4		in sequence	5113	
* 41.	Trompette		8		Flauto Traverso	4		92 general piston memories	and	
* 42.	Cremona		8		Cor Anglais (tenor c)	16		128 Divisional piston memories		
	Tremulant			83.		8		stored in eight libraries,	nics	
				84.	Clarinet	8		each having 999 General		
	Bass Trumpet	(Grand)	16		Tremulant				avrala	
44.	Tromba	(Grand)	8	* 85.	French Horn	8		and 16 Divisional memory l	eveis	
45.	Clarion	(Grand)	4	86.	Orchestral Trumpet (from 87)	16		lanced swell pedals		
	Swell to Choir Solo to Choir			Orchestral Trumpet	8		to the Swell and Solo Organ			
	Choir & Great Exchange				Orchestral Trumpet (from 87) Record and playback system of		n an 1Pod			
				enclosed)						
					Tuba Mirabilis	8		. T C.		
					Cornet (Great)	V		New Stops		
					Octave Unison Off Sub Octave	•	†]	Revoiced		
					East Shutters Off West Shutters Off					
(Octave couplers do not affect 76, 77, 80, 86, 87 & 88)										

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