ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL



The organ photographed in 2000 by C.R.A. Davies

The organ was built during 1950–1954 to the specification of the London County Council's consultant, Ralph Downes, who also supervised the tonal finishing. It was designed as a well-balanced classical instrument embracing a number of rich and varied ensembles which alone or in combination could equal the dynamic scale of any orchestra or choral grouping in addition to coping with the entire solo repertoire.

Between 2005 and 2007 the Hall was completely reconstructed with improved acoustics; it reopened in June 2007. The organ is being reconfigured to suit the new architectural and acoustic requirements: its depth has been reduced by 1.1m, but the basic principles of the layout have been respected. The Swell Organ, Great flue stops, and the Pedal Principal 32ft, forming the left-hand portion of the organ, have been reinstated, together with the console, and will be followed by the central and right-hand sections at a later date. There will be no change to the specification.

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PEDAL ORGAN				CHOIR ORGAN		SWELL ORGAN	
1	1. Principal (from 54) 32		32	(On Positive keys) (Enclosed)		74 Ovintadana 16	
	Major Bass	(110111 54)	16	40. Salicional	16	74. Quintadena	16
	Principal	(from 54*)	16	41. Open Wood	8	75. Diapason	8
	Sub Bass	(Holli 5 i)	16	42. Stopped Wood	8	76. Gemshorn (conical)	8
	Quintadena	(from 74)	16	* *		77. Quintadena	8
	Salicional	(from 40)	16	43. Salicional (conical)	8	78. Viola	8
	Quintflute	(stopped)	$10^{2}/_{3}$	44. Unda Maris (conical)	8	79. Celeste	8
	Octave	· 11 /	8	45. Spitzoctave (conical)	4	80. Principal	4
9.	Gedackt		8	46. Open Flute	4	81. Koppelflute	4
10.	Quintadena	(from 74)	8	47. Principal	2	82. Nazard (conical)	$2^{2}/_{3}$
11.	Nazard	(conical)	$5^{1}/_{3}$	48. Quint	$1^{1}/_{3}$	83. Octave	2
	Superoctave		4	49. Octave	1		2
	Spitzflute	(conical)	4	50. Sesquialtera 26.31	2/3	84. Open Flute	
	Open Flute		2	51. Mixture 29.33.36.40	1/2	85. Tierce (tenor c)	$1^{3}/_{5}$
	Septerz 17.21		$3^{1}/_{5}$	52. Cromorne	8	86. Flageolet	1
	Rauschquint		$5^{1}/_{3}$			87. Mixture 22.26.29.33	1
	Mixture 19.22		$2^{2}/_{3}$	53. Schalmei	4	88. Cymbel 38.40.43	1/5
	Bombarde	(from 19)	32	IX Tremulant		89. Hautboy	8
	Bombarde	(6 20)	16	X Choir on Solo		90. Vox Humana	8
	Dulzian	(from 38)	16			XVI Tremulant	
	Trumpet Cromorne	(fram 52)	8				
	Clarion	(from 52)	6 4	GREAT ORGAN	J	91. Bombarde	16
	Schalmei	(from 53)	4	54 Deinsinst	1.6	92. Trumpet	8
	Cornett	(110111 33)	2	54. Principal	16	93. Clarion	4
I Positive and Choir to Pedal II Great to Pedal			55. Gedacktpommer	16	XVII Octave (16ft, 8ft and 4ft stop	s only)	
			56. Diapason	8	XVIII Solo to Swell	• /	
III Swell to Pedal			57. Principal	8			
IV Solo to Pedal			58. Harmonic Flute	8			
(* temporarily borrowed, 2007)			59. Rohr Gedackt	8	SOLO ORGAN		
			60. Quintflute (stopped)	$5^{1}/_{3}$	(Enclosed)		
	DOCUTI	TIE OD CAN		61. Octave	4	94. Diapason	8
	POSITI	VE ORGAN		62. Gemshorn (conical)	4	95. Rohrflute	8
26.	Principal		8	63. Quintadena	4	96. Octave	4
	Gedackt		8	64. Quint	$2^{2}/_{3}$	97. Waldflute (conical)	2
28.	Quintadena		8	65. Super Octave	2	98. Rauschquint 12.15	$\frac{2^{2}}{3}$
	Octave		4	66. Blockflute	2	99. Tertian 17.19	$\frac{2}{1^3} \frac{7}{5}$
	Rohrflute		4				
	Rohrnazard		$2^{2}/_{3}$	67. Tierce	$1^{3}/_{5}$	100. Mixture 19.22.22.26.29.33	$1^{1}/_{3}$
	Spitzflute	(conical)	2	68. Mixture 15.19.22.26.29	2	101. Basset Horn	16
	Tierce		$1^{3}/_{5}$	69. Sharp Mixture 26.29.33.36	2/3	XIX Tremulant	
	Larigot Mixture 15.19	22 26 20	$\frac{1^{1}}{3}$	70. Cornet 1.8.12.15.17 (midd)	le c) 8	102. Harmonic Trumpet	8
		re 22.26.29.33.36	1	71. Bombarde	16	103. Harmonic Clarion	4
	Carillon 29.38		$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$	72. Trumpet	8	105. Harmonic Ciarion	7
	Dulzian	(in Choir box)	8	73. Clarion	4		
	7. Trumpet (in Choir box) 8				COMBINATION COUPLERS		
V Tremulant			XI Sub Octave XII Reeds and Cornet on Solo		(rocking tablets)		
v Tremulani VI Positive on Great			XIII Reeds and Cornel on Solo XIII Positive and Choir to Great		XX Great and Pedal Combinations coupled		
VII Swell to Positive			XIV Swell to Great		XX Great and Pedal Combinations of XXI Swell on General foot pistons	гоиргеа	
VIII Solo to Positive				XV Solo to Great		S S Seller at Jose pistons	

ACCESSORIES

Eight foot pistons to the Pedal Organ
Eight pistons to the Choir and Positive Organs (combined)
Eight pistons to the Great Organ (duplicated by foot pistons)
Eight pistons to the Swell Organ
Eight pistons to the Solo Organ
Eight general pistons and general cancel
Reversible pistons: *I - IV, VIII, VIII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVIIII*Reversible foot pistons: *I - IV*

Full organ piston and foot piston

Stepper, operating general pistons
General crescendo pedal, with indicator
Balanced expression pedals to Choir, Swell and Solo Organs
The pistons are instantly adjustable, with 8 divisional memories
and 128 general memories.

The general crescendo pedal has one fixed and three adjustable settings

The actions are electro-pneumatic

The manual compass is 61 notes; the pedal compass is 32 notes