What Gift Can We Bring

Celebrating the Legacy of Ruth and Clarence Mader



May 19, 2025, 8:00pm

Glendale First United Methodist Church Glendale, California





Welcome

On behalf of the Ruth and Clarence Mader Memorial Scholarship Fund (the Mader Fund) and the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, I welcome you as we gather to celebrate the legacies of Ruth and Clarence Mader and the LAAGO. Our collective goal is to support, enhance, and sustain the field of organ music by providing opportunities for people of all ages to grow and be inspired by the beauty of our art.

Ruth and Clarence Mader were deeply involved with the American Guild of Organists and worked tirelessly to engage the broader community through the gift of music. It was through this spirit of generosity that the Mader Fund was established in 1971 following a freeway accident that ended the lives of these two creative and imaginative individuals. Their inspiration and presence continue through the work of the Mader Fund.

For the past five decades, the Mader Fund has hosted national organ playing competitions, composition competitions, and provided research grants. Now, with the development of new initiatives such as organ study grants and the publishing of Clarence Mader's music, we are continuously searching for ways to expand our efforts in supporting musicians to flourish in our field.

Tonight, as we listen to this music, let us reflect on the gifts we have been given, the gift of this moment, and the gifts yet to be received.

Yours, Jacob Benda *President, The Mader Fund*



Clarence Mader

Clarence Mader, organist, teacher, composer, poet, and artist, was recognized during his lifetime as the 'Dean of Organists' on the West Coast and one of the most influential teachers in the United States. Former pupils include renowned organists such as David Craighead, Tom Murray, Ladd Thomas, Orpha Ochse, and Virgil Fox to name a few.

Shortly following his studies with legendary Lynwood Farnam in New York, Mader was appointed organist at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles in 1929 where he served for 37 years, and later headed the organ department at Occidental College from 1955-1968.

A friend and colleague of Herman Schlicker, Mader was a prominent organ consultant who oversaw several key installations on the west coast including Herrick Chapel, Occidental College, First Congregational Church, Los Angeles, All Saints Church, Pasadena, among others.

Former Dean of the LAAGO, California State Chairman, and National Councillor, Mader's musical legacy lives on through his students and prolific compositional output.



Ruth Goodrich Mader

Ruth Goodrich Mader, also an organist, substituted for Clarence shortly after they were married when he studied in New York City. After their sons had grown, Ruth was organist for several churches, including the Westwood Presbyterian Church in California. She also taught organ and piano. A fine artist and craftsman, she perfected extensive skills in stitchery, collage, painting and sculpture.

PROGRAM Music by Clarence Mader

Welcome Sean O'Neal

Dean, LA Chapter

Ty Woodward Past Dean, LA Chapter;

Dr. Craig Philips

Introduction Dr. Ladd Thomas

> Past Dean, Pasadena and LA Chapters; Founding Director and Past President, Mader Fund

Wedding March

(Dedicated to George and Marjorie Mader Clarence and Ruth's son and daughter-in-law)

Invitation to Quiet No. 2 **Dr. Timothy Howard**

> Past Dean, Pasadena Chapter; Board Member, Mader Fund

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Vice President, Mader Fund

Fantasy: Torah Song Yisrael v'orita.

(Winning Composition by Craig Philips, Mader Fund Competition Award 1994)

Afternoon of a Toad **Cherry Rhodes**

Board Member, Mader Fund

Poem by Clarence Mader "The Choral Concert"

Dr. Patricia Lamb

Past Dean, Pasadena Chapter Board Member, Mader Fund

October Interlude Dr. Emma Whitten

Mader Fund Research Grant Recipient

Three Motets (sung by Cantori Sine Nomine)

Based on Melodies by J. W. Franck

Dr. Linda West Brown, Director

Past President and Board Member, Mader Fund

To the Trinity The Ascension Sleep In Peace

Bell Serenade Dr. Jacob Benda

Introduction, Fugue and Toccata on a Hymn Tune

(Dedicated to Thomas Murray)

President, Mader Fund; Past Dean, Twin Cities Chapter

Dr. Jacob Benda The Ruth and Clarence Mader Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Hymn: What Gift Can We Bring

(Tune and Text by Jane Marshall see next page)

Dr. Ladd Thomas

What Gift Can We Bring



WORDS and MUSIC: Jane Marshall

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Tonight's performers

Jacob Benda teaches and directs the organ/sacred music studies at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. He has performed domestically and abroad, including dedication recitals in Turkey and Poland, as well as collaborations with the Minnesota Orchestra, Baton Rouge Symphony, and Kenwood Symphony. A published author, editor, and organ consultant, Dr. Benda is a former Dean of the Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and currently serves as the President of the Ruth and Clarence Mader Memorial Scholarship Fund. He earned his DMA from Louisiana State University with Professor Herndon Spillman and is represented by Seven Eight Artists.

Linda Brown earned a B.A. in Music Education at Whittier College, a M.M. in Organ Performance from USC, a M.A. in Educational Administration from the University of San Francisco, and a DMA from U.S.C. in Organ Performance. She retired after 38 years from the California publics schools, and now is Music Director of Chorale Bel Canto, a masterworks community chorus in Whittier, and Organist/Accompanist at Red Hill Lutheran Church. She served as President of the Mader Fund for nine years, and is active in the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Timothy Howard teaches organ, music theory, musicianship, and keyboard classes at California State University, Northridge; he is also Director of Music and Organist at Pasadena Presbyterian Church, where he leads two adult choirs and directs the church's concert series. A graduate of the University of Southern California, Westminster Choir College and Biola University, he is recognized as a soloist, collaborator and conductor, and is featured regularly on American Guild of Organists chapter, community, and church performance series. He has appeared with the Los Angeles Philharmonic's Green Umbrella group, the Corona Del Mar Baroque Music Festival, and the Los Angeles Master Chorale, among others.

Patricia Murphy Lamb has served as Director of Music Ministries and Organist at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Newport Beach since 1989 where she administers, conducts, and plays for a program that includes adult, children's and handbell choirs, liturgical music in the parish school, and community outreach through a concert series. Dr. Lamb serves the Diocese of Orange as a member of the Liturgical Commission and as Chairperson of the Music Advisory Board. She holds degrees in Organ Performance, Choral and Church Music with a B.Mus from CSU Fullerton and the MM and DMA from the University of Southern California.

Craig Phillips is a distinguished and popular American composer and organist and Director of Music at All Saints' Church, Beverly Hills. He was named the American Guild of Organists Distinguished Composer for 2012 – the seventeenth recipient of this special award. In 2015 Dr. Phillips was named an honorary canon of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, and in 2016 he was awarded an honorary Doctorate from Virginia Theological Seminary. In 2023 he was named an Honorary Fellow of The Guild of Musicians and Singers, United Kingdom. He holds the degrees Doctor of Musical Arts, Master of Music, and the Performers Certificate from the Eastman School of Music Rochester, New York.

First American to win an international organ competition, Cherry Rhodes has performed extensively in concert halls, cathedrals, and churches throughout the major music capitals of North America, Europe (including Russia) and Asia. New music champion, she has premiered and edited many works, including those written and dedicated to her. Many concerts have been broadcast worldwide and are found on several music labels. She is Adjunct Professor of Organ at the University of Southern California, Thornton School of Music. Cherry Rhodes and husband Ladd Thomas received The 2015 American Guild of Organists Endowment Fund Distinguished Artist Award "for their exemplary careers."

Ladd Thomas, Adjunct Professor and Department Chair, Organ Studies, University of Southern California, Thornton School of Music, holds a BA degree and an honorary doctorate of music from Occidental College. He also earned a master's degree in theology from the Claremont School of Theology. Professor Thomas studied organ with Max Miller, David Craighead and Clarence Mader. Professor Thomas regularly gives workshops and masterclasses for the American Guild of Organists, colleges and universities throughout the country, and is a prolific recording artist and recitalist who has concertized throughout the world. He served the American Guild of Organists as dean, state and regional chairman. Since 1960, he has been the organist of the First United Methodist Church of Glendale.

Emma Whitten performs across the United States and internationally while serving as Associate Organist at Christ Cathedral and Director of Music at Community Church Congregational in Corona del Mar, California. In Fall 2022, she joined the faculty of Concordia University in Irvine, where she currently serves as Senior Adjunct Professor of Organ and Church Music, teaching courses in music history, church music, and organ performance. She earned her DMA from Arizona State University, M.M. from the University of Kansas, and B.A. from the University of Notre Dame. Her previous teachers include László Attila Almásy, John Brock, Kimberly Marshall, Michael Bauer, and Craig Cramer. Emma is represented by Seven Eight Artists.

An organist of significant versatility, **Ty Woodward** has had a career of both classical and theater organ concerts and recordings. His studio work has encompassed performing on soundtracks ranging from The Grinch (2019) to a Miley Cyrus album (2025.) Currently he is organist at Santa Monica United Methodist Church, Temple Beth Shalom of Whittier and Disney's El Capitan Theatre in Hollywood. He is a Past Dean of the Los Angeles chapter of the AGO and a former member of the Commission on Church Music for the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. His academic degrees are from the University of Southern California; a Bachelor's in Organ Performance and a Master's in Choral Conducting.

Let us introduce ourselves!

The Ruth and Clarence Mader Memorial Scholarship Fund

Ruth and Clarence Mader will always be an inspiration to those privileged to have known them. The Fund is a response by students, colleagues, family and friends to widespread expressions of appreciation for the high ideals and artistic accomplishments of Ruth and Clarence Mader. Their creative and imaginative talents grew with the years and enriched the lives of many. A freeway accident in California in July 1971 ended the lives of these two gifted and productive people, but their inspiration and presence continue to live.

Per the Articles of Incorporation, the specific and primary purposes are to raise money, to obtain contributions and to create a fund or funds to assist young people in developing their talents in the field of music, primarily those people having pipe organ aims, and to arrange for and establish scholarships for deserving students of music.

Our Mission

The Mader Fund sustains and enhances the field of organ music by engaging in activities that inspire and support performers, composers and scholars, and promotes the legacy of Ruth and Clarence Mader.

Who We Are

In honor of Ruth and Clarence Mader's leading roles as performers and teachers in the California and national organ community, the Fund was established in 1971 by a group of their colleagues, students, family members and friends soon after the Maders passed away in a tragic automobile accident. Some of the founders remain on the Board, joined by musical "descendants" of the Maders and others who share the Fund's vision.

What We Do

- We hold organ performance competitions and composition competitions.
- We award Research and Organ Study grants.
- We raise money for competition and grant awards.
- We are producing a series of video "Fireside Chats" featuring interviews and performances.
- We publish Clarence Mader's music.

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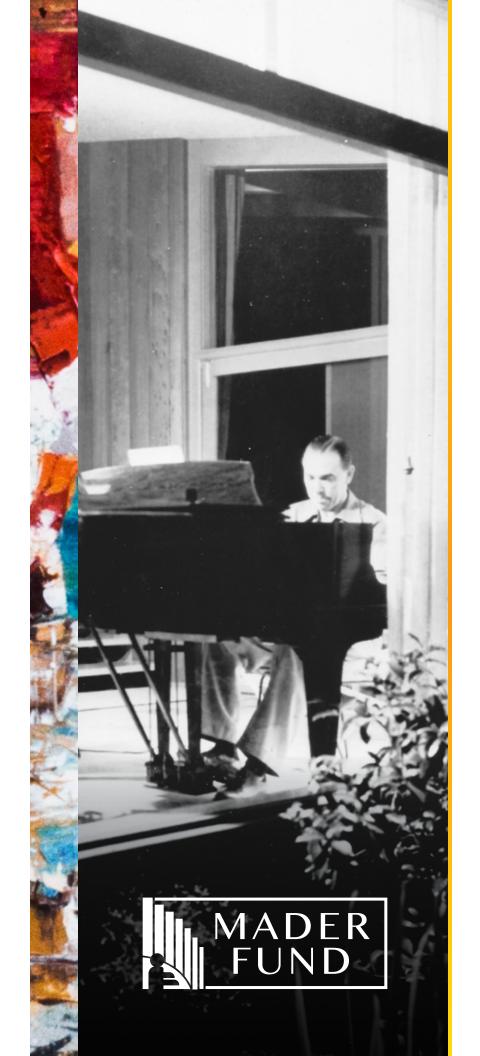
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Our activities and programs



Organ Playing Competitions

We hold a world-class organ performance competition. For more than 50 years, the Fund has awarded significant monetary prizes and provided for competitors' transportation and accommodations.

Past First-Place Winners

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1973	Rick Ross
1975	Bruce Bengtson
1976	Joseph Schenk
1977	Dennis Bergen
1979	Wesley Parrott
1982	Edward Murray
1984	Frederick Hohman
1986	James Walker
1991	Alan Morrison
2010	David Baskeyfield
2013	Adam Pajan

Composition Competitions

Periodically we hold composition competitions culminating in a high-profile concert featuring the winning piece. First prize in these competitions has reached as high as \$10,000. On occasion we also commission new pieces. Learn more at **MaderFund.org**.

Past Competition Winners

1980	Gordon Schuster: Sonata for Organ
1994	Craig Phillips: Fantasy: Torah Son

2021 Aaron Travers: *Midnight Toccatas*

Publications

We publish Clarence Mader's organ compositions; recent releases include A Bell Serenade, Afternoon of a Toad, and Four Choral Motets. Information and purchasing options are available at MaderFund.org/music.

Organ Study Grants

We are currently redesigning our program to provide financial support for organ students. Information available at **MaderFund.org.**

Research Grants

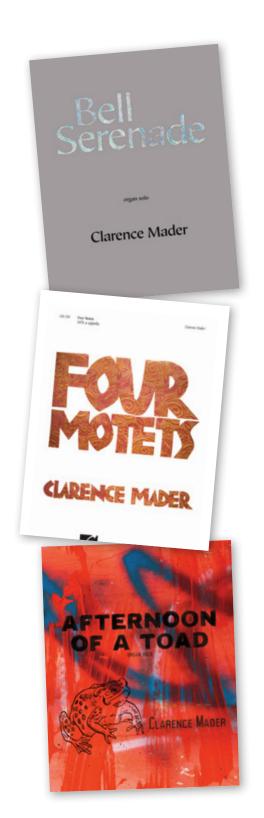
We offer grants to support research on topics related to organs, organists, and organ repertoire. Grants of up to \$1,250 will be awarded and preference will be given to research that will lead to published articles or books. Research projects involving the creation of recordings or digital resources will also be considered.

Grant recipients will be asked to submit a short report summarizing their research progress approximately one year after receiving a grant and are also asked to acknowledge the Mader Memorial Scholarship Fund in any publications related to the grant.

For more information and application forms visit **MaderFund.org/researchgrants**.

Research Grant Awards

Year	Recipient	Research Description
1999	Burton Tidwell	A study of the Works of Lawrence Phelps (Book published in 2015: Lawrence Phelps: Organ Builder)
1999	Nancy Kay Barnard	John Milton and the Organ
2000	Barbara Owen	Research in Halifax on two early American church musicians, William and John Selby
2000	Brenda Leech	Training and pedagogical practices of concert organists in Russia
2000	Michael Friesen	Study of painters, sculptors and engravers who were organists or organ builder in pre-Civil War America
2000	Agnes Armstrong	Alexandre Guilmant, his tours in America, and his influence on the American organ profession
2001	Ronald Ebrecht	In support of research contributing to book Maurice Duruflé, 1902-1986: The Last Impressionist (<i>Rowman & Littlefield, 2002</i>)
2002	Laura A. Carasco	Study of life and works of Miguel Bernal Jiménez
2003	Stephen Warner	Documentation of the E.M. Skinner Organ of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Detroit
2003	Ronald Ebrecht	Research for book on Cavaillé-Coll's plans for an organ for Saint Peter's, Rome (Book published in 2011: Cavaillé-Coll's Monumental Organ Project for Saint Peter's, Rome)
2004	Stephen Schnurr	Moller Opus List (with Scott Huntington)
2004	Jane Hettrick	Critical edition of selected sacred motets with concerted organ parts by Franz Schneider
2004	Sabin Levi	Organs and Organists in Israel
2005	Jonathan B. Hall	Research on life and work of Calvin Hampton; later published Calvin Hampton: A Musician without Borders (Wayne Leupold, 2008)
2005	Scott M. Hyslop	Research on Paul Manz; later published The Journey Was Chosen: The Life and Work of Paul Manz (Morningstar Publishers, 2007)
2006	Randall D. Engle	In support of research on Dutch Calvinist church music, later published in the chapter "A Devil's Siren or Angel's Throat? The Pipe Organ Controversy among the Calvinists," In John Calvin, Myth and Reality: Images and Impact of Geneva's Reformer (Cascade Books, 2011)
2006	Carolyn Shuster-Fournier	In support of research on French organists and organ builders; research later published in "Pierre Cogen: Organiste-compisteur dans la tradition de Sainte-Clotilde" in L'orgue: Bulletin des Amis de l'Orgue (2007)
2006	Tina Fruhauf	In support of research later published in The Organ and its Music in German-Jewish Culture (Oxford University Press, 2009)
2018	Jane Schatwin Herrick	A Newly Discovered Organist Contract from 1824 in the Vienna Lutheran Church
2018	Christopher Holman	Recording of Swiss Renaissance Organ Music
2018	Alexander Meszler	In support of research on the organ and secularized churches in the Rust Belt region
2018	Damin Spritzer	In support of recordings of English romantic music at Hereford Cathedral, later released as "Rhapsodies & Elegies: English Romantic Organ Music" (Raven OAR-156, 2018)
2019	Stephanie Barth	In support of Mildred Andrews Boggs: Oklahoma's First Lady of the Organ (Leupold Editions, 2022)
2019	Russell Weissman	Book project on Rudolf von Beckerath
2019	Steven Young	Research on organist/composer Marthe Bracquemond
2022	Anne Laver	Database project on the organ concerts of the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition, published on annelaver.com
2023	Damin Spritzer	In support of a recording project focusing on previously unrecorded women composers on the Fisk organ at the University of Oklahoma
2023	Emma Whitten	In support of research on women organists in Latin America, including research published in "Women Organists in Latin American, The American Organist (<i>January 2024</i>)



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	GREAT (Manual II, unen	iclosed)	4′	Spillflöte	68 pipes	CONSOLE APPOINTMENTS	
16′	Geigen Principal	61 pipes	2'			Three manual, drawknob console (installed in 2004)	
8′	Principal	61 pipes	, ,		183 pipes	Combination action with 255 levels of memory	
8′	Holzgedeckt	61 pipes			(ext.)	(up/down thumb pistons)	
4′	Octave	61 pipes	8′	Ladd Thomas Trumpe		20 General pistons (thumb and toe)	
4'	Spitzflöte	61 pipes		Tremulant	, ,	8 Great thumb pistons	
2-2/3	Quinte	61 pipes		Zimbelstern (unenclos	sed) 5 bells	8 Récit thumb pistons	
2′	Super Octave	61 pipes		Choir to Choir 16, 4, L		8 Positiv thumb pistons	
	Terz (tc)	49 pipes				8 Choir thumb pistons	
V		305 pipes		PEDAL (unenclosed)		8 Pedal toe pistons	
IV		244 pipes	32′	Resultant	32 notes	General Cancel thumb piston	
16′	Trumpet	61 pipes	16'	Principal	32 pipes	(cancels both Sforzandi and Registration Sequencer)	
8′	Trumpet	61 pipes	16'	Subbass	32 pipes	Great to Pedal reversible (thumb and toe lever)	
8′	Krummhorn	(Choir)	16'	Geigen Principal	(Great)	Récit to Pedal reversible (thumb and toe lever)	
8′	Ladd Thomas Trumpet		16'	Quintaton	32 pipes	Positiv to Pedal reversible (thumb and toe lever)	
O		sole prep.)	16'	Rohrflöte	(Choir)	Choir to Pedal reversible (thumb and toe lever)	
	Chimes (choir)	25 notes	8′	Octave	32 pipes	Récit to Great thumb reversible	
	Great to Great 16, 4, Ur		8'	Gedeckt	32 pipes	Positiv to Great thumb reversible	
	Great to Great 10, 4, 01	113011 011	8′	Spitzprincipal	56 pipes	Récit to Positiv thumb reversible	
	POSITIV (Manual I, une	nclosed)	8′	Rohrflöte	(Choir)	Zimbelstern reversible (toe lever)	
8′	Principal	61 pipes	4′	Choralbass	32 pipes	32' Resultant reversible (toe lever)	
8′	Gedeckt	61 pipes	4′	Spitzprincipal	(ext.)	32' Contra Posaune reversible (toe lever)	
8′	Erzähler	(Choir)	4'	Nachthorn	32 pipes	Setter thumb piston	
8′	Erzähler Celeste (GG)	(Choir)	2'	Spitzprincipal	sz pipes (ext.)	Sforzando reversible (thumb and toe)	
4′	Principal	61 pipes	2'	Waldflöte			
4′	Rohrflöte	61 pipes			32 pipes	Adjustable Sforzando reversible (thumb and toe)	
	Nasat	61 pipes	IV	Rauschquint	64 pipes	Programmable Crescendo (1 fixed setting, 3 adjustable settings)	
2'	Octave	61 pipes		Mixture	128 pipes	Key lock for memory levels	
2′	Hohlflöte		32′ 16′	Contra Posaune	12 pipes	Indicator lights:	
	Terz (tc)	61 pipes 49 pipes	16	Trombone	32 pipes	Wind, Crescendo, Sforzando, Adjustable Sforzando,	
	Quinte		1//	(wood resonators)	22	Transposer	
1'	Sifflöte	61 pipes 61 pipes	16'	Posaune	32 pipes	Additional LED indicators:	
IV			16'	Trumpet	(Great)	memory level, registration level, crescendo level	
		244 pipes	16′	Basson	(Récit)	Signal light and return button	
1//		122 pipes	8′	Trompete	32 pipes	Console stops and intra-manual couplers controlled	
16′ 8′	Bass Clarinet (Choir)	80 pipes	8'	Trompette	(Récit)	by drawknobs, inter-manual couplers controlled by	
0	Krummhorn (Choir)	68 pipes	4′	Rohrschalmei	32 pipes	tilting tablets	
	Tremulant	1.: Off	4′	Krummhorn	(Choir)	Keyboards: Ivory naturals, Ebony sharps	
	Positiv to Positiv 16. 4. U	Inison Off	INITE	DIVICIONIAL COLIDIT	-DC	Division nameplates function as divisional cancels	
	RÉCIT (Manual III, expre	osciuo)	INTE	R-DIVISIONAL COUPLE	ik3	Expression pedals: Récit, Choir	
8′	Flûte Harmonique	68 pipes	Récit	to Great 16, 8, 4		Crescendo pedal	
8′	Bourdon		Positi	v to Great 16, 8, 4		Transposer	
o 8′		68 pipes	Choir	to Great 16, 8, 4		MIDI compatible console	
	Gambe	68 pipes	Pedal	to Great		Registration sequencer with 255 levels - two types of	
8′	Gambe Celeste (GG)		C	/D:+:	. (: :	control options with console selector switch:	
4′	Prestant	68 pipes		/Positiv manual transfe	r (including	Option 1: functions controlled only by "next" and	
4′	Flûte Traversière	68 pipes	aivisi	onal pistons)		"reverse" thumb pistons (4 thumb "next", 2 thumb	
	Nasard	61 pipes	Récit	to Positiv 16, 8, 4		"reverse", 2 toe "next", 2 toe "reverse")	
2′	Doublette	61 pipes	Choir	on Positiv		Option 2: any piston will function as a "next" piston"	
III		183 pipes	Choir	on Positiv Off		Console on movable platform	
		183 pipes	Great	to Positiv 8		Electrically adjustable height of bench with backrest	
16′	Basson	80 pipes	Pedal	to Positiv		Electrically adjustable height for pedalboard, toe studs,	
8′	Trompette	68 pipes	Do alle	u to Dáoit 1/ 0 4		expression and crescendo pedals	
8′	Basson Hautbois	(ext.)		v to Récit 16, 8, 4			
4′	Clairon	68 pipes		on Récit			
۵′	Ladd Thomas Trumpet	(('hoir)	i Choir	on Récit off			

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	CHOIR (Floating, expre	ssive)
16′	Rohrflöte	80 pipes
8′	Italian Principal	68 pipes
8′	Rohrflöte	(ext.)
8′	Erzähler	68 pipes
8′	Erzähler Celeste (GG)	61 pipes
4′	Principal	68 pipes

Ladd Thomas Trumpet (Choir)

(not effected by couplers)

Récit to Récit 16, 4, Unison Off

Tremulant

Choir to Pedal 8, 4
MIDI Couplers (thumb reversibles with
indicator lights)
MIDI on Great
MIDI on Récit
MIDI on Positiv
MIDI on Pedal

Choir on Récit off

Great to Pedal 8, 4

Récit to Pedal 8, 4

Positiv to Pedal 8, 4





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