

## **LEEDS TOWN HALL**



Image: Natalia Maciejuk

We are delighted to have been commissioned to reconstruct the organ of Leeds Town Hall. In what will be one of the most significant concert organ projects of recent times, the instrument will retain the façade and about half the pipework of the present organ, but will otherwise be entirely new. The aim of the work is to create a modern and versatile concert organ for the city of Leeds, with an inspiring musical character that reflects the organ's majestic appearance. The organ will have 104 speaking stops, with six manual divisions (three of which will be enclosed) playable from a four-manual console. The specification has been drawn up in consultation with the city organist Darius Battiwalla.

The present organ was built by Gray & Davison in 1858, rebuilt by Abbott & Smith in 1905 with a move towards a more opaque sound, and then rebuilt again and reduced in size in 1972 by Wood, Wordsworth & Co. in a radical three-manual scheme that sought to emphasise clarity and brilliance.

The reconstruction of the organ forms part of a wider building refurbishment project by Leeds City Council that began in 2019. The previous instrument was played publicly for the final time in October 2021 before being dismantled, to include taking down the 32' facade pipes for the first time since 1858. Completion of the new organ is scheduled for November 2023. The consultant for the project is Dr William McVicker.



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PEI	OAL ORGAN			ECI	HO CHOIR OR	GAN		SW	ELL ORGAN			
1.	Gravissima	from 2 and 3	64	39.	Sub Dulciana		16	73.	Lieblich Bourdo	n	16	
2.	Double Open Dia	pason	32	40.	Flauto Traverso		8	74.	Geigen Diapaso	n	8	
		from 6		41.	Viola da Gamba		8	75.	Rohr Flute		8	
3.	Contra Bourdon	from 8	32	42.	Dulciana	•	8	76.	Salicional		8	
4.	Open Wood I		16	43.	Vox Angelica	G8	8	77.	Voix Celeste	C13	8	
5.	Open Wood II		16	44.	Viola	do	4	78.	Principal		4	
6.	Open Diapason		16	45.	Lieblich Flute		4	79.	Flute		4	
7.	Violone		16	46.	Lieblich Piccolo		2	80.	Nasard		$2^{2}/_{3}$	
8.	Bourdon		16	40.	Liconen i iccolo			81.	Fifteenth		2	
9.	Lieblich Bourdon	from 73	16		remulant		ub Octave	82.	Flageolet		2	
10.	Quint	from 8	$10^{2}/_{3}$	XIII (	Inison Off	X	IV Octave	83.	Tierce		$1^{3}/_{5}$	
11.	Octave Wood	from 5	8	47.	Chimes	from 10	)4 -	84.	Mixture	15.19.22	III	
12.	Principal		8	C.D.	EAT ODG AN			85.	Plein Jeu	19.22.26.29	IV	
13.	Bass Flute	from 8	8	GK	EAT ORGAN			86.	Horn		8	
14.	Twelfth		$5^{1}/_{3}$	48.	Double Diapaso	n	16	87.	Oboe		8	
15.	Fifteenth		4	49.	Open Diapason		8	88.	Voix Humaine		8	
16.	Flute		4	50.	Open Diapason		8					
17.	Mixture	19.22.26.29	IV	51.	Flute à Pavillon		8		XVIII Tren	nulant		
18.	Grand Bombard	from 19	32	52.	Stopped Diapas	on	8	89.	Contra Fagotto		16	
19.	Bombard		16	53.	Principal I	011	4	90.	Cornopean		8	
20.	Trombone		16	54.	Principal II		4	91.	Clarion		4	
21.	Fagotto	from 89	16	55.	Wald Flute		4					
22.	Trumpet	ř	8	56.	Twelfth		$\frac{1}{2^2/3}$	XIX S XXI C	Sub Octave Octave	XX Un XXII Solo	to Swell	
23.	Clarion		4	57.	Fifteenth		2 / 3			XXII 3010	io sweii	
I Class	in to Dodal	II Const	4 - D - 1 - 1	58.	Open Flute		2	SOI	LO ORGAN			
	ir to Pedal vell to Pedal		to Pedal to Pedal	59.	Seventeenth		$\frac{2}{1^{3}/_{5}}$	92.	Orchestral Flute		8	
				60.	Ouartane	19.22	II	93.	Voix Éolienne		8	
CH	OIR ORGAN			61.	Fourniture	15.19.22.26	IV	93. 94.	Violoncelle		8	
24.	Quintaton		16	62.	Mixture	26.29.33	III	94. 95.	Voix Celeste	440	8	
25.	Open Diapason		8	63.	Double Trumpe		16	95. 96.	Concert Flute	A10	4	
26.	Stopped Diapasor	1	8	64.	Trumpet	ı	8	96. 97.	Harmonic Picco	Ja	2	
27.	Gemshorn	ı	4	65.	Clarion		4	97. 98.	Orchestral Basso		16	
28.	Koppel Flute		4	05.	Clarion			90. 99.	Clarinet	0011	8	
29.	Nazard		$\frac{1}{2^2/3}$		Thoir to Great	XVI Swe	ll to Great	99.	Clarinet		0	
30.	Principal		2	XVII	Solo to Great				XXIII Tren	nulant		
31.	Flute		2	GR	AND ORGAN			100	French Horn		8	
32.	Tierce		$1^{3}/_{5}$		D 11 0 D		4.6		Orchestral Trun	nnet	8	
33.	Larigot		$\frac{1}{3}$	66.	Double Open D		16		Tuba	nper	8	
34.	Septième		$1^{1}/_{7}$	67.	Grand Diapasor	1	8		Ophicleide		8	
35.	Piccolo		1	68.	Harmonic Flute		8		•			
36.	3.61	22.26.29	III	69.	Octave		4		Sub Octave	XXV Un	ison Off	
37.	Cremona	22.20.23	8	70.	Super Octave		2	AAVI	Octave			
07.	V Tremular	ıt	Ü	71. 72.	Grand Chorus Posaune	12.15.19.22	8		Chimes	G20-G44	1 -	
38.	Tuba	from 102	8		999 general and	16 divisior	nal		I Echo Choir on Solo II Grand on Solo			
	VI Great to Choir VII Swell to Choir VIII Solo to Choir IX Grand on Choir			piston memories				ACCESSORIES				
	eat Reeds on Choir				Electro moumet	ia karraati	on.	Great	and Pedal combinations	counled		
					Electro-pneumat	-	OH			,		
				Electric stop action				8 toe pistons to Pedal Organ 8 thumb pistons each to Choir / Echo Choir, Great / Grand, Swell and Solo Organs				
				61/32 compasses								
									10 general toe and thumb pistons, and general cancel thumb piston			
							Reversible toe pistons: <i>II, XVII</i> Reversible thumb pistons: <i>I–IV, VI–VIII, XV–XVII, XXII,</i> 3, 18					
												iPad page-turner pistons Pedal divide (adjustable) Balanced expression pedals to Echo Choir, Swell
									olo Organs			