



*Save the
Giant Organ
in St. Stephen's Cathedral*

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The Giant Organ in Vienna's St. Stephen's Cathedral urgently needs your help!

*Austria's largest musical instrument has been out of use since 1991.
To bring it back to life, we need 1 million euros.*

Why does the Giant Organ require renovation?

In 1886, the Cathedral commissioned a large instrument from one of the foremost builders of the day, Eberhard Friedrich Walcker. This instrument was called "Riesenorgerl" (Giant Organ) and was lost in the great fire of April 12, 1945.

A new instrument was completed in 1960 by the Viennese company Johann M. Kauffmann but it was never satisfactory and fell into disuse when another organ was installed in the south aisle in 1991.

This instrument too proved unsatisfactory and in 2010 the cathedral authorities decided to go for a complete rebuild of the Giant Organ to bring the instrument and its 125 stops back to life again.

The project will be completed and inaugurated on Easter Day 2020, exactly 75 years after the devastating fire of April 12, 1945. Thenceforward a total of 180 stops will be playable from two consoles, combining the pipework in the Westend Gallery with the fine instrument of 1991 in the front part of the Cathedral.



Your donation is worthwhile!

- For donors subject to taxation in Austria, the donation is tax-deductible if made with the attached payment note.
- All donors will be recorded in the Golden Book, which will be kept within the rebuilt instrument.
- On **www.riesenorgel.at** you can make donations starting from five euros. You can create your own personalised patron portrait and use it for social media or print it out.
- For donations over 100 euros, a commemorative pin is awarded.

In order to qualify for tax deductibility please fill in first and last name, address, and date of birth. Please do not forget to put the letter “J” in front of the X on the right-hand side of the address line.

The donor accepts that the donation is deductible for tax purposes according to the Austrian Income Tax Act only if the Federal Monuments Office uses it to conduct the kind of tasks with which it has been statutorily entrusted.

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Your Personal Piece of organ

For large donations over 500 euros you get an original organ pipe, which was removed from the organ as part of the restoration. Whether for personal use or as an original gift – generous supporters not only save the giant organ but also hold a piece of Austrian identity in their hands!

The original organ pipes are made of metal and are 20 centimetres to 2 metres in length.



Did you know ...

... that the name “Riesenorgel” (“Giant Organ”) is not derived from the size of the instrument, but from the “Riesentor”, i.e. the main (“giant”) gate of St. Stephen’s underneath the organ?

Any questions?

In case of any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at office@stephansdom.at or +43-1-513 76 48

For more information about the new cathedral organ, please visit www.domorgel.wien

With your donation you make a valuable and sustainable contribution to our St. Stephen’s Cathedral and its church music!

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