

Bell American Organ for a new home

I have this wonderfully rare and unusual Bell American Organ which I would like to find a good home for. It is in good working condition, having had £500 work undertaken by Goetze & Gwynn (Organbuilders) and features two manuals in good condition, and also a compact 2 ½ octave pedal-board. It comes with a blower, which in this case operates as an 'extractor' as it pulling the air through the reeds rather than pushing air through them.

I recovered it about 10 years ago from the Welsh Chapel on Lewisham Way (immediately next door to St. Johns Church SE8 4EA) before the chapel was converted into a nursery.

It is not particularly loud, but possesses a grand tone, and would be very suitable for a home. It contains some early microphones mounted on springs as it would have needed to be electrically amplified to fill a whole church with sound, but these would not be necessary in a home re-use. It also has a wooden lid/keyboard cover (not pictured) and some decorative metal lights.

Built by Bell Piano & Organ Co. Guelph of Ontario, the pianos of whom were favoured by the likes of Sir John Stainer, Mus. Doc. London, Eng. dimensions are as follow:

Width: 1.41m wide

Height: 1.59m tall

Depth: 0.68 deep without the pedals

Depth: 1.05 deep with the pedals

The stops are named as follows:

Top Row - Left to right:

Viola 4', Fagotte 8', Great to Pedal, Forte, Swell to Great, Vox Humana, Sw 8' treble, Flute 4

Bottom Row - Left to right:

Diapason 8, Dulcet 8, Bourdon Bass 16', Octave Coupler, Bombardon 16', Cremona 16', Euphone 16', Gt 8' treble, Melodia 8'

It is an impressive piece of furniture and comes unusually with a pedalboard, so no pedal air pumping. Bell were a good brand and this is a surviving great example of their work, common in churches and chapels who couldn't stretch to an actual pipe organ.

Please forward this to anyone who may be interested in providing a good home for it. It could easily be 100 years old as from what I can tell they stopped making organs in 1928.

I am happy to help with the removal and installation.

Do let me know or forward on to any interested party!

Pictures attached

All the best,

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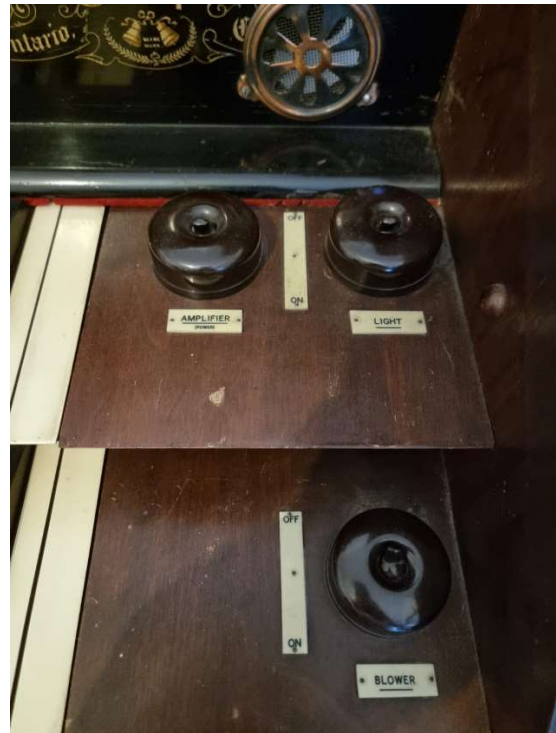
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