

2023

Restoration of the organ of ND de Bercy by Victor Mangeol and Gérard Cattin.

2022

St. Paul - St. Louis : Restoration of the choir organ by Bernard Dargassies.

Budget participatif of the city of Paris 2022: 3 projects involving organs have been proposed:

1. Restauration of the organ of the cathédrale arménienne (Paris III)
2. Restauration of the organ of Notre-Dame du Travail (Paris XIV)
3. Overhaul of the organ of l'Immaculée Conception (Paris XII)

More information in French

Saint-Philippe du Roule - partial removal and replacement of the Grand-Orgue in connection with the restoration of the roof

2021

CNSMDP : Construction of a new organ in German baroque style by Quentin Blumenroeder.

May, 16, 2021

Inauguration of the renovated and partially reharmonized organ by Yves Fossaert of Notre Dame de Bonne Nouvelle

Octobre, 8, 2021

Inauguration of the restored Merklin organ of Saint-Dominique by Bernard Dargassies.

Novembre, 28, 2021

Chapelle du Convent des Dominicains :

Inauguration of the organ after an overhaul by Sébastien Braillon: some transformations were done to return to a more romantic esthetic.

2020

Saint-Bernard-de-la-Chapelle : Restoration of the choir organ and restoration of the facade of the Grand-Orgue by Yves Fossaert

Overhaul by Yves Fossaert of the organ of ND de Lorette

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Festival Paris des Orgues

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2017

Autumn

Orgues Quoirin has restored the organ case of the positif of the organ of Notre-Dame-de-Paris, made by François-Henri Cliquot in 1783. It was removed in 1868 by Aristide Cavallé-Coll because it did not fit into the new design of the organ gallery by Viollet le Duc. There are no plans to reinstall the positif on its original place. It has been installed in the hall of the south tower, above the original console of Cavallé-Coll, which was placed there years ago.

November, 19

Inauguration of a new organ of Olivier Chevron in the Chapelle Notre-Dame du Saint-Sacrement (16th)

November, 12

Death of Michel Chapuis, former organist of St Germain l'Auxerrois (1951-54), St Nicolas des Champs (1954-72), Notre-Dame de Paris (orgue de chœur, 1954-1963), St Séverin (1964-2004) and Versailles Royal Chapel (1996-2010).

October, 24-28, Paris

International concours GRAND PRIX ANDRE MARCHAL – GASTON LITAIZE

September, 29

Saint-Justin de Levallois: inauguration of a new organ in romantic style, 3 manuals, 29 stops) by Thomas and Béthines-les-orgues

July, 8

Suzanne Chaisemartin, titulaire honoraire of Saint-Augustin, Paris, died at the age of 96 years.

July, 2

The new 'organistes titulaires' of the Gonzalez-organ of the Parisian Protestant church 'Oratoire du Louvre': David Cassan and Sara Kim.

May, 13

In auguration of a new organ of Saint-Louis de Vincennes (neo-classical style, 3 manuals, 29 stops), built by Denis Lacorre

February, 6

The organ of the Chapel of the Sorbonne University desperately needs restoration, it is silent for years and of great historical value: it is built by Louis-Paul Dallery (the last representative of the French classical organ building) in 1825, and one of the few newly built instruments in Paris in that period.

January

Pierre Bagieu is appointed organiste titulaire of Saint-Pierre de Montrouge.

2016

Underway

Restauration of the organ of Temple de l'Étoile (Cavaillé-Coll-Mutin) Paris XVII by Pascal.
Comprehensive maintenance works on the organ of St Joseph-des-nations (Stolz, 1874) by Dargassies

November, 14

Nomination of Guillaume Nussbaum as 'organiste titulaire' of Saint-Séverin.

October, 7

Inauguration of the restored organ of Saint-André de l'Europe [1.090 KB] (Delmotte, 1871) Paris VIII

July, 20

The great French organist André Isoir passed away, the day of his 81 birthday.

May

Restauration of the organ of St Pierre de Montrouge (Barker, 1868; Mutin 1892) was completed

May, 7-9

Week-end of the inauguration of the organ of the House of Radio France (la maison de la radio)
The Day of the Organ 2016

March, 17

Born in 1990, the titulaire of the great organ of Saint-Eustache, Thomas Ospital, is selected to become the first organist of the new organ at the French radio-building (la Maison de la radio).

February, 6-7

Inauguration of the new organ of the Philharmonie de Paris
Thierry Escaich : l'expérience de l'orgue de salle
Concert of October, 28

January, 18, 2016

Vincent DUBOIS is the new co-titulaire of the great Organ of Notre-Dame-de-Paris

2015

December, 27

Jean Pierre Leguay played the great organ of Notre Dame de Paris for the last time and is entitled titulaire émérite after 30 year of duty. A homage was given to him on January, 17, 2016 during the mass of 6.30 PM.

November 2015 - spring 2018

Restauration of the organ of Notre Dame d'Auteuil (Cavaillé-Coll-Beuchet) Paris XVI
Works will be carried out by Manufacture d'Orgues DLFO directed by Denis Lacorre.

December, 10-13

Presentation of the new organ of Radio-France

October, 28-29

Inauguration of the new organ of the Philharmonie de Paris

October, 2-11

Inauguration of the restored organ of Saint-Maurice de Bécon (Courbevoie)

June, 30 - July, 2

Masterclass Masters of Sainte Clotilde and their sources of inspiration

from Monday, July, 6 to Wednesday, July, 8, 2015, in French or/and in English by Olivier Penin (repertoire) and Nicolas Pichon (improvisation)

May, 17-21

Masterclass by Louis ROBILLIARD in Paris: The romantic and symphonic organ in Europe in the 19th and 20th century

Eglise Notre Dame d'Auteuil Information: 00 33 1 40 51 06 08 ou blanc.06@hotmail.fr

March, 24th

Thomas Ospital and Baptiste - Florian Marle-Ouvrard are appointed co-titulaires of the Grand-Orgue of Saint Eustache.

The recruitment competition was held on Tuesday, March 24, in the Saint-Eustache, with a large audience (the hearings were public). The jury proposed the appointment of Thomas OSPITAL and Baptiste - Florian MARLE-OUVRARD.

Thomas Ospital was born in 1990 in the Basque country and studied at the Conservatoire in Paris. He has already won many international prizes and was organist titulaire of the organ of the Church Saint-Vincent de Ciboure. He performs regularly in concerts throughout Europe.

Baptiste Florian Marle - Ouvrard was also educated at the Conservatoire in Paris where he received 8 awards. He received the 1st prize of improvisation of Luxembourg, Leipzig and the 2nd Prize ex-aequo in the contest of Chartres.

Watch one of the last improvisations of Jean Guillou (29 mars 2015, Sortie of the 6 PM mass)

January

Seven candidates may enter the competition for being co-titulair of the Saint-Eustache:

Pierre Cambourian (*1974) (Saint-Vincent-de-Paul, Paris)

Francesco Filidei (*1973) (Italy)

Ghislain Leroy (*1982) (Touquet, Lille)

Hampus Lindwall (*1976) (Saint-Esprit)

Baptiste-Florian Marle-Ouvrard (*1982) (Saint-Vincent-de-Paul, Clichy-la-Garenne)

Thomas Ospital (*1990) (Ciboure)

Pierre Queval (*1988) (Saint-Ignace, Paris)

On March, 24th, there will be a public concert as a further step in the selection procedure.

2014

November, 4

Denys MATHIEU CHIQUET, organist of Saint-Paul-Saint-Louis du Marais and of Saint-Pierre de Chaillot died on the age of 59.

October, 7

Inauguration of the restored organ of L'Oratoire-du-Louvre (Gonzalez-Dargassies)

October

Saint-Eustache will organize a competition for the recruitment of three titular-organists as successors of Jean Guillou, who retired recently and is named now Tilulaire Emérite.

The parish is looking for three organists of an international standing to replace him. Candidates can register up to 2 January 2015, after which the jury will speak with the candidates to select those who may enter the competition. The requirements will be published on November 2, 2014. The appointment of the three co-titulaires will take place in April, 2015.

September

Inauguration of the restored Cavaillé-Coll organ of the Eglise Réformée du Temple de Pentemont. [184 KB]

September, 26, 8h30 PM Liesbeth Schlumberger

October, 03, 8h30 PM Eric Lebrun

October, 10, 8h30 PM Philippe Lefebvre

September, 22

Jean Guillou, the Organiste Titulaire of the Great Organ of St. Eustache since 1963 (as the successor of André Marchal), is retired and is now named Titulaire émérite.

September, 20-21

Inauguration of the restored organ of Notre-Dame-de-Paris

August, 29

The Parisian organist Marie-Louise Girod died on Friday 29 August at the age of 98. Girod was organiste titulaire of l'Oratoire du Louvre until old age. Marie-Louise Girod was born in Paris in 1915. She studied at the Paris Conservatoire with Marcel Dupré, Norbert Dufourcq and Noël Gallen.

She obtained first prizes in organ, improvisation, music history, fugue and counterpoint. In 1941 she was appointed organiste titulaire of the Oratoire du Louvre, a Protestant Church near the Louvre museum. In 2008 she was succeeded by Jean-Dominique Pasquet. She was director of the Académie d'orgue of Saint-Dié. Marie-Louise Girod played an important role in the Protestant Church Music in France and was as a member of the Committee for hymnology of the joint Protestant church in France. Girod was also active as a composer. In addition to a number of free works for organ, she wrote works on hymns (among others on melodies from the Genevan psalter), including a Suite sur le Psaume 23, written on the occasion of the opening of 'her' Gonzalez-organ in the Oratoire in 1962. (Source: Orgelnieuws.nl)

Summer 2014

St. Sulpice: it is no longer allowed to visit the organ loft after the sunday-audition, due to 'security'-reasons. This ends a long tradition of hospitality by the 'organiste-titulaires' of St. Sulpice :(

May ,19th

International Schweitzer Award for Daniel Roth

Daniel Roth, orgaiste titulaire of the St. Sulpice, has been given the international Albert Schweitzer Award Daniël Roth in the German town Königfeld. He got the prize because his achievements as musician have been so much in line with the spirit of the ideas of Albert Schweitzer.

April 2014

Start of a new series of auditions on the organ of St-Séverin on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Saturday of the month at 17h30 by students of the Conservatoires in Paris (CRR/CNSM)

January 1st - till August 15th, 2014

Notre-Dame-de-Paris

The great organ of Notre-Dame-de-Paris is out of service again due to the second phase of the major restoration works. In the first phase (2012) a new digital system was installed. In the

second phase (first half of 2014), the organ will be enlarged and all mechanical parts will be restored.

2013

November 7-10

Presentation of the new organ for Radio France, Paris (86/ IV) built by Gerhard Grenzing at his workshop in El Papiol (Barcelona).

November 1-3

Symposium for organ builders Paris

Cavaillé-Coll and examples of alsatian organ reform in Paris

October 12

Start of a new tradition of 'auditions d'orgue' at the great Cavaillé-Coll organ of Ste Clotilde, each second Saturday of the month (October-June) at 5 PM.

September 28

Release of the first CD of the great Cavaillé-Coll organ of the Basilica Ste. Clotilde after the major restoration works of Dargassies in 2005. On September 28, 2013, 20h30, Olivier Penin, the organist titulaire of the basilica Ste.Clotilde in Paris, will present this new CD, a tribute to his famous predecessors, with works of Cesar Franck, Charles Tournemire and Jean Langlais.

September 15

New schedule auditions St. Sulpice

From 15 September onwards, the Sunday Mass at St. Sulpice will be conducted at 11 AM (Organ Prelude at 10:45 AM). The weekly organ recital on the Grand Organ will follow the mass at around noon. Visits to the organ loft after the recital will take place in groups of 15 persons until 1PM.

June, 4

France suffers from organ failure

Article published in Guardian Weekly, based on an article in Le Monde.

June, 1

Jean Costa (born in 1924) died. He studied with Édouard Commette, Maurice Duruflé and Marcel Dupré. He was some time suppléant of Marcel Dupré at Saint-Sulpice and organiste titulaire at the Cavaillé-Coll organ of Saint-Vincent-de-Paul from 1952 till 1997. He was organ professor at the Conservatoire of Nantes from 1953 till 1970 and from 1971 till 1992 at the Conservatoire Darius Milhaud of Aix-en-Provence. He was a famous international concert-organist and made numerous recordings.

May, 5-6

NOTRE-DAME DE PARIS : THE WORLD ORGAN DAY

NOTRE-DAME DE PARIS: organ music from 8h30 PM till 1h AM!! [395 KB]

April, 12-13

Organ concours Merklin

Organ competition Improvisations

March, 23rd

After their benediction the 2nd of february by cardinal André VINGT-TROIS, and their installation in the towers, the eight new bells and the bourdon Marie of Notre-Dame de Paris have ring for the

first time saturday 23rd of march at 5 PM. This event was presided by archbishop André VINGT-TROIS, in the presence of Minister of Culture Aurélie FILIPETTI, Mayor of Paris Bertrand DELANOE, and the nonce of France Luigi VENTURA.

February 26, 2013

Marie-Claire Alain died at the age of 86. She was probably the most famous French organist in the world, given concerts all over the world, with over 260 recordings in her catalogue. She was born on August, 10th, 1926 in Saint-Germain-en-Laye. Her father, Albert Alain (1880–1971) was an organist and composer, as were her brothers, Jehan (1911–1940) and Olivier (1918–1994). Alain studied in the Paris Conservatory, in the organ class of Marcel Dupré, where she was awarded four first prizes. She also studied with Maurice Duruflé and Gaston Litaize. She taught at the Conservatoire National de Région de Rueil-Malmaison and gave numerous master-classes around the world.

She was a member of the Swedish Royal Academy of Music, a Doctor Honoris Causa of Colorado State University and Southern Methodist University (Dallas, Texas), a Commander of the Legion d'Honneur and of the Ordre National du Mérite.

Among her pupils were George C. Baker, Guy Bovet, James David Christie, Daniel Roth, Wolfgang Rüksam and Thomas Trotter.

January

Jean-Pierre Leguay, organiste titulaire of the Great Organ of Notre-Dame de Paris, has been given a prestigious decoration: Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur.

January, 12th

Notre-Dame-de-Paris

Start of the organ auditions, now on Saturday-evening, 8 PM

January

DVD/CD The Genius of Cavaillé-Coll: the life and work of Aristide Cavaillé-Coll (1811 – 1899). It includes a three-part, 156-minute documentary about Cavaillé-Coll's life and work, demonstrations of fifteen organs and more than three hours of music (all recorded in full surround sound). Two CDs feature a survey of French organ music from 1830 to 1900. An 80-page booklet contains specifications and colour photos of all the organs, track details and an introductory essay. Watch trailer.

2012

December, 12th

From Wednesday, December, 12th onwards (the day the Jubilee of this cathedral started with a special mass), the great organ of Notre-Dame-de-Paris is back in service again. The works, which will be resumed in 2014 are carried out by two organ builders: Bertrand Cattiaux et Pascal Quoirin.

November, 25th

Maître Pierre Pincemaille celebrates being 25 years organiste-titulaire of St.Denis with a concert at St.Denis at 4.30 PM with the mass of Louis Vierne and other works.

October, 31th

70th Birthday of Maître Daniel Roth, the organiste-titulaire of St. Sulpice. He is retired from the Conservatoire since five years, but will continue with this prestigious job in this church.

Summer 2012

The choir organ of Ste.Madeleine (Cavaillé-Coll 1848/1897, Gonzalez 1976, Dargassies 1996) has been refurbished.

August, 15th

Olivier Penin officially inaugurated as organiste titulaire of the famous Cavaillé-Coll organ of Ste.Clotilde

July, 8th

Tweet Stéphane Béchy: Eglise st Merry, paris 4ème....

Un pigeon défèque sur l'organiste ce dimanche matin... Orgue historique en péril ! La HONTE !

June, 24th

Jacques Taddei (organiste titulaire of the Ste-Clotilde) died at the age of 66.

June, 4th

The Guardian: France suffers from organ failure.

May

Dagassies completed comprehensive maintenance and restoration works of the organ of St Louis des Invalides.

April, 27th – April 29th

20e anniversaire de la mort d'Olivier Messiaen (La Trinité) – 150 anniversaire d'orgue Aristide Cavaillé-Coll (Saint-Sulpice)

January 1st - November 30th

Notre-Dame-de-Paris

From January 16th till November 30th 2012 the great organ of Notre-Dame-de-Paris will be out of service due to major restoration works.

2011

November, 7th

Saint-Séverin

Inauguration of the organ of Alfred Kern restored by Quentin Blumenroeder, with help of Dominique Thomas and Jean-Marie Tricoteaux.

February

Sainte Trinité

Loïc Mallié appointed titulaire (successor of Naji Hakim).

2010

November, 5th

St Jean de Montmartre: inauguration Organ Cavaillé-Coll restored by Yves Fossaert

October, 10th

Ste-Marie-de-Batignolles

Inauguration Organ Mutin restored by B. Dargassies.

August

l'Eglise Réformée de l'Etoile: restoration of the pedal as the first part of a complete restoration of the organ by the organbuilder Antoine Pascal.