

**Concert Organ
Of Barrels, Notes and Pitches**

Manufacturer: Richter brothers, Düsseldorf
Year of construction: between 1895 and 1900
Owner: Schleifer family, Zülpich

Around the turn of the century, the Richter brothers produced concert organs for merry-go-rounds, swings and show booths in their workshop in Düsseldorf. The organ shown here was also used for carousels.

Only a few years after it was put into operation, the organ was given a new façade by the organ-building company Wilhelm Bruder & Söhne in Waldkirch/Breisgau. This façade has been preserved to this day. In the 1920s, the Richter company converted the original barrel organ into a note organ. For this purpose, the organ was extended from 72 to 79 pitches.

After the Second World War, the organ played for a few years in an "Auto-Selbstfahrer" (bumper car ride) of a Cologne showman. In the 1950s, it became the property of the Schleifer family of showmen.