

Concert Organ
Stomping Musical Pleasure

Manufacturer: unknown

Year of construction: Between 1900 and 1930

Owner: Toni Schleifer, Zülpich

In addition to performances by solo musicians and bands, fairground music was played by mechanical musical instruments such as barrel organs and transmission-driven organs. If the organs had drums, cymbals, rattles and trumpet-like instruments in addition to their pipes, they were called “concert organs”.

These types of organs were either presented in their own carriages next to the showman's stand or set up in a smaller form on the “parade stage”, the show booth or in the middle section of the merry-go-round.

The organ shown here received a movable figure connected to the organ mechanism and was converted into a “note organ” after water damage: Perforated cardboard book music now passes through a scanning mechanism which controls the organ sounds. This organ has been part of the open-air museum's collection since 1960.