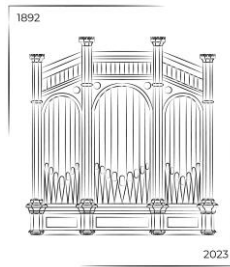


OUR NEW ORGAN



The Evangelicals of Gödöllő founded their congregation in 1924. Many Hungarians who were forced to leave their homeland after Trianon because of their Hungarian nationality found a home here. The church, built in 1931, with its unique octagonal floor plan * and its elaborate woodworked ceiling, is the gem of Gödöllő on Petőfi Square in the city centre.

The evangelical church is called the "singing church". * The music-loving Reformer Martin Luther, who himself composed dozens of hymns, recognized the community-building power of congregational singing.

The organ * that leads the congregation's singing is a fundamental instrument in the evangelical church, but for smaller congregations it has always required a massive effort to have the "queen of instruments" made.

The organ was installed in the evangelical church of Gödöllő only in 1981, * but it is now in a state beyond repair.

The most talented Hungarian organ builder of the late 19th century, József Angster from Pécs, built an organ for the Kaposvár synagogue in 1889, which served the Jewish community until the mid-1950s. * When the synagogue was demolished in 1980, the organ had already been gone. ** After 25 years of lying dormant, the single manual instrument's pipes, keyboard, valuable bellow and all its parts were purchased by the evangelicals of Ferencváros. They used the instrument until 2004, when it was dismantled and stored.

The dynamically growing but small congregation of Gödöllő bought the out-of-use organ in 2020.

This instrument of exceptional industrial and art-historical value can serve the worship life of the evangelicals of Gödöllő, and through concerts it will become an integral part of the cultural life and spiritual strengthening of the

neighborhood. It will also serve as a worthy memorial to the Jewish community of Kaposvár, which has suffered so much.

The congregation's commitment is commendable, because in addition to bringing a new musical quality to the church, they are also saving an exceptional historical instrument that will enrich the musical life of Gödöllő.

In 2022, AerisOrgona KFT, internationally renowned in organ building and restoration, started the reconstruction of the instrument. The majority of the funds needed for the restoration have been raised by the congregation over the past 3 years, but donations are still needed to complete the work.

We therefore ask everyone to donate to help resurrect this unique instrument so that it can once again fulfil its vocation: building community and serving the arts. To make a donation, please visit the website of the congregation:

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„Organ renovation”

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picture: April 2022 – Museum of Lutheran – Botond Kertész



picture: Organ restoration started - AerisOrgona Kft.



picture: last day with our old organ in April 2023