

# The Loening-Hancock Gallery Organ

Taylor & Boody Organbuilders, Inc.

Staunton, Va. – Opus 27 (1996), Opus 27-A (2015/2016)

Mechanical key and stop action

3 manuals, 31 stops, 44 ranks

The Loening-Hancock gallery organ was built by Taylor & Boody Organbuilders to honor Dr. Gerre Hancock's 25 years of service to St. Thomas Church. Its classical construction reflects contemporary interest in organs of distinct national character and historical precepts of construction.

The case is fumed white oak with pipe shades gilded in 23-karat gold. The cedar case doors, the façade design with its embossed pipes and inverted fields, and the ornamental kiosks are distinctly 16th-century Dutch, a style of organbuilding which would have been familiar to the original settlers of New Amsterdam.

The key action is directly suspended and made of wood. The stop action is mechanical. The two manual divisions each display the fundamental Principal stop in the façade: the Hauptwerk 8' Principal and the Oberwerk 4' Principal. The 16' stops in the Pedal are located behind the organ. The organ was expanded in late 2015/early 2016 to include a third manual with six new stops and also other additions to the existing manual and pedal divisions.

The wind system has three large wedge bellows which can be operated by foot. A wind stabilizer is available to steady the wind for heavy-texture pieces. The tuning is in Kellner temperament.

## Hauptwerk (Manual I) – 54 notes

16	Bordun	2 $\frac{2}{3}$ *	Quinte
8	Principal	2	Superoctave
8	Rohrflöte		Mixtur V-VI ranks
4	Octave	16	Trompet
4	Spielflöte	8	Trompet
2 $\frac{2}{3}$ *	Quinte		

## Oberwerk (Manual II) – 54 notes

8	Gedackt	2	Gemshorn
8*	Quintadena		Sesquialtera II ranks
4	Principal		Scharf IV-VI ranks
4	Rohrflöte	8	Dulcian
2*	Octave		

**Brustwerk (Manual III) – 54 notes (completed 2016)**

8*	Gedackt	*	Cimbel III ranks
4*	Blockflöte	8*	Krummhorn
2*	Waldflöte	4*	Schalmei

**Pedal – 30 notes (C-F30)**

16	Subbass	4	Octave
10 $\frac{2}{3}$ *	Quintbass	16	Posaune
8	Octave	8	Trompet

**Mechanicals**

Oberwerk/Hauptwerk	Tremulant (entire organ)
Hauptwerk/Pedal	
Oberwerk/Pedal	
Brustwerk/Pedal*	* = addition in 2015-2016