

The organ of the Protestant church in Anduze.

“The organ (...) is like a whole orchestra: a skilful hand shall get everything out of it, it will express every feeling” (Balzac)

The Protestant church at Anduze is among the biggest in France, it was built between 1820 and 1823 on the yard of the former military barracks. Since the very beginning the Protestant Community insisted on having a performing organ.

The present organ is a fairly new instrument. Originally manufactured by Théodore Puget in 1848, it had 7 stops on a single keyboard and pedal. In 1958, it was badly damaged by the floods and repaired by Edmond Costa. Later, between 1989 and 1992, it was completely rebuilt by Bernard Raupp. He enlarged the console, the bellows and the wind chest, while reutilizing some parts of the former organ. This restoration was undertaken by the *“Association des Amis de l’Orgue du Temple d’Anduze”* which, since 1987 is in charge of the maintenance of the instrument. Thanks to Mr. Raupp’s restoration, the organ can be used in a large scale of activities besides the liturgical one.

With its 18 stops, the instrument enables – during July and August – organ music every Friday evening (free entry), as well as regular organ concerts. Other activities take place, such as workshops for organists, music classes for the regional Music School, etc.

After some 10 years of service, several serious problems occurred and now, the organ cannot be used any longer for these activities. Important mechanical repairs, a general overhaul and intonation are urgently required. The total cost of the renovation project amounts 101.392 Euros. Though the Cultural Affairs, the Regional Council, the City of Anduze, etc. allocated us funds, we are still short of 15% of the total amount.

The *“Fondation du Patrimoine”* granted us an important financial aid. This grant is however submitted to a fund raising campaign which enables the friends of our organ to participate in the renovation of the instrument.

Accordingly, we have the honour to suggest you to join us in our effort to raise funds – as a minimum of 5% of the global costs is required by the Foundation –

So, if you wish to participate in the safeguard of this musical patrimony, please fill out the joint subscription form and send it together with your bank check written out to **“Fondation du Patrimoine – Orgue du Temple d’Anduze”** to the *Association des Amis de l’Orgue* (see address on the subscription form).

Subscription form

The donations sent to the “*Fondation du Patrimoine*” are forwarded to the Supervisor of the organ renovation project.

° Yes, I herewith make a donation of Euros....., being my participation in the renovation project of the organ at the Protestant Church in Anduze.

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You may also send it directly to: “**Fondation du Patrimoine – Délégation Régionale de Languedoc- Roussillon – 2 bis, rue Jules Ferry, 34000 Montpellier**”

In case of cancellation of the renovation project, the Supervisor commits himself to transfer the total amount of the collected funds to a similar project in the District of Anduze.