

# Yokota Centennial Organ

Chico State University, California

This 2 manual tracker organ owned by the Chico State University (California) was built by Munetaka Yokota according to the aesthetic and artisanal principles of Gottfried Silbermann.



**History of the organ:** One day in 1984, Munetaka Yokota showed up in a small college town, without a team of trained craftsman and without materials. He recruited volunteers from the student body and community as his assistants and trained them in the handcraft techniques of the early 18th century as a part of their college curriculum. The city of Chico donated enough wood from the fallen Hooker Oak to construct the pedal board and bench, while local lumber companies contributed wood for the organ's body. The university Farm donated shin bones from cows in order to



fashion the keyboards, and the art department's sculpture lab created the organ pipes out of melted tin and lead. The metal for the pipes of Yokota's Silbermann-style organ was cast from lead reclaimed from spent bullets from the LAPD gun range!

## Manual 1 (Hauptwerk)

Principal	16
Octav Principal	8
Viol di Gamba	8
Hohlfloete	8
Octava	4
Spitzfloete	4
Quinta	3
Octava	2
Tertia	1 3/5
Mixtur IV	2
Cymbel III	1 1/3
Cornet IV	4
Fagott	16
Trompete (German)	8
Glockenspiel (c-f2)	4

## Manual 2 (Oberwerk enclosed)

Quintadena	16
Principal	8
Unda Maris	8
Quintadena	8
Gedackt	8
Octava	4
Rohrfloete	4
Nasat	3
Octava	2
Tertia	1 3/5
Quinta	1 1/3
Sifflet	1
Mixtur (Scarf) IV	1 1/3
Trompette (French)	8
Vox humana	8

## Pedal

Gross Untersatz	
Principal Bass	32
Octav Bass	16
Octav Bass	8
Posaunen Bass	4
Trompeten Bass	16
Cornet Bass	8
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