

# LATE MODEL THEATRE ORGAN DISCOVERED IN HOLLAND



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*Mr. Tiemersma is regularly featured on the 4'14 Wurlitzer at the Tuschinski Theatre.*

A late model theatre pipe organ was recently discovered in Leeuwarden, Holland. This organ was constructed in 1952 by the famous Dutch organ builders, Messrs. C.A. Standaart & Company of Schiedam. As far as is known, this is the very last cinema pipe organ erected in Holland. At first, this organ was installed in a dancing/nightclub in the city of Leeuwarden, but since its installation in 1953, the organ was used very little and in 1957 the organ was completely silent because the owner bought an electronic organ which he thought was more suitable for the club.

The pipe organ was then forgotten. Fortunately Mr. T.A. Tiemersma succeeded in purchasing this jewel in early 1966. In April the organ was removed from the nightclub and installed in his home.

The entire organ is housed in one chamber with the console in the living room, and, rest assured . . . it is singing happily!

Mr. Tiemersma is now looking for another, larger, detached home, for he intends to add 2 additional ranks to his organ, viz. a clarinet and a gemhorn.

Though a church organist himself, Mr. Tiemersma is also very keen on cinema-organ (and playing). He has an exten-

sive collection of theatre organ records (also featuring American cinema organists Bill Floyd, George Wright, etc.) as well as practically all records made by Reginald Dixon on the Wurlitzer organ in the Ballroom/Blackpool.

Before the war, there were about 30 cinema-organs operating, all over the country (particularly in the Western and Southern part of Holland), but after World War II, only 6 organs were left. The other 24 organs were dismantled and replaced by electronic installations or sold to local organ builders.

The actual position of "live" organs is as follows:

- 1) AMSTERDAM, Tuschinski, 4/14 Wurlitzer
- 2) AMSTERDAM, City Theatre, 4/17 Standaart
- 3) AVRO Broadcasting, HILVERSUM, 4/22 Compton
- 4) VARA Broadcasting, HILVERSUM, 3/13 Standaart
- 5) NRU Broadcasting, HILVERSUM, 5/27 Moller (ex BBC organ)

These six organs are in perfect condition and are regularly tuned (mostly every week).

Radio Hilversum is regularly presenting theatre-organ programs (2-4 times a week) from different organs, but most of them are broadcasted from NRU Broadcasting Organ at Hilversum. Some names of famous Dutch theatre organists are: Pierra Palla (AVRO), Johan Jong (VARA), Rene de Rooy (Tuschinski-Amsterdam), Jan Mekkes (Tuschinski-Amsterdam). The city organ has no resident organist available for the moment, but the organ is featured every evening by Rene de Rooy and Mr. Harry Klompe.

## SPECIFICATION "STANDAART" CINEMA-ORGAN built in 1952 by Standaart Organ Works Ltd., Schiedam, Holland.

<b>GREAT</b>	Piano 2 2/3'	Castanets	<b>PEDAL</b>	St. Trumpet 8'
Concert Flute 16'	Glockenspiel	Sleighbells	Subbass 16'	<b>FOOT PISTONS</b>
Tibia Clausa 16' TC	Xylophone	Chinese Blocks	Jazztrumpet	Steamboat Whistle
Vox Humana 16' TC	Accordeon	Xylophone	Trombone 16'	Railway Engine
Tibia Clausa 8'	Celesta	Celesta	Trumpet 8'	Snare Drum (tap)
Diapason 8'	Octavecoupler 4'	Piano 8'	Octavebass 8'	Crockery Smash
Strings 8'	Chimes	<b>SOLO</b>	Flute 8'	Triangle
Violine 4'	<b>ACC.</b>	Concert fl. 16'	Strings 8'	Klaxon
Jazztrumpet 8'	Bourdon 16'	Flute 8'	Choralbass 4'	Thunder/Surf/Rain
Flute 8'	Flute 8'	Tibia Clausa 8'	<b>PEDAL EFFECTS</b>	General Crescendo
Stopped Trumpet 4'	Vox Humana 8'	Violine 8'	Bassdrum/Kettle Drum	Tremulants ON/OFF
Vox Humana 8'	Tibia Clausa 8'	Jazztrumpet 8'	Cymbals	
Flute 4'	Diapason 8'	St. Trumpet 4'	<b>SECOND TOUCH PEDAL</b>	
Tibia Minor 4'	Strings 8'	Vox Humana 8'	Piano 16'	
Octave 4'	Salicional 4'	Tibia Clausa 4'	Piano 8'	+ (1 balanced swell pedal
Quint Tibia 2 2/3'	Jazztrumpet	Tibia Quint 2 2/3'	<b>TREMULANTS</b>	+ (1 balanced G.C. pedal
Flute 2 2/3'	Kinura 8'	Flute 2 2/3'	Vox Humana	
Piccolo 2'	Octave 4'	Piccolo 2'	Tibia	<b>THE ORGAN IS HOUSED IN</b>
Forestflute 2'	Flute 4'	Tierce 1 3/5'	General	<b>ONE CHAMBER</b>
Tierce 1 3/5'	Piccolo 2'	Glockenspiel	<b>SECOND TOUCH ACC.</b>	
Septieme 1 1/7'	Snare Drum	Cathedral Chimes	Tibia 8'	
Piano 8'	Tom Tom	Piano 8'	Crash Cymbals	
Piano 4'	Tambourine	Septieme 1 1/7'		