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**RE: ALLEN PROVIDES MUSIC FOR PAPAL MASSES IN GERMANY**

Recently, Pope Benedict XVI traveled to his homeland of Germany, celebrating Mass in Munich and Regensburg. Allen is honored to have provided instruments for both of these occasions. The attached letter from the local Allen representative chronicles the events.

The pope has a strong affinity for traditional music and while in Regensburg also took part in the re-dedication of an historic pipe organ located in the town's historic Alte Kapelle. The links, below, to the Catholic News Agency's accounts of that event, reveal the Pope's sentiments regarding the organ and its role in worship.

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/new.php?n=7597>

<http://www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/0605204.htm>

Dear Allen Organ Staff,

We really want to share with you the experience we got in the beginning of September while travelling with two of your organs.

During the Pope's visit to his home country in Bavaria, two Allen Organs have been chosen to accompany the music of the open-air church services in Munich and Regensburg. The organ that was used in Munich was a three-manual 56-Stops Allen Renaissance™ model and had been played by one of the well known German organists, the Cathedral organist of Munich Mr. Leitner. The organ was used as solo instrument, in duets with saxophone and together with the fantastic and famous Choirs. Even the sound of the organ was amplified additionally by a huge PA system, the sound was overwhelming.



Everybody was surprised about this fine instrument, especially the reliability of the organ: the instrument was installed for four days on the open-air stage, day and night. While the days have been nice and warm with temperature about 25°C and above, in the night the temperature went down to about 10°C and less, as well the humidity went up. For a traditional pipe organ, these facts would really cause great problems.

Once more, only the quality build in this fine instrument was my guaranty that this special installation will go thru successful and satisfy the musicians expectations. After the Pope's first visit to Germany in 2005, during the World Youth Days, it was the second time, that an Allen Organ was preferred by the musicians of the Catholic Church in Germany, even they like to have fine pipe organs in their churches. In 1980, an Allen Organ was already the first choice for the open-air church service with Pope Johannes Paul II. in the Olympia Stadium in Munich.



The day after the church service in Munich, the organ was installed in the famous Bruckner Concert Hall in Linz (Austria), where the Cleveland Orchestra performed "Orion" from Kaija Saariaho.

The Allen Organ used in Munich, will soon be installed in the Catholic Church in Krefeld-Traar (Germany). The existing pipe organ will be added thru the Allen Pipe Interface to the new three-manual Allen console with mechanical drawknobs and capture system. While the pipe organ already provides 24-ranks, the 56 Allen digital stops will be playable in conjunction with the pipes.

I really want to thank you, because you are the only, who builds this fine quality in a digital organ.

My very best regards,

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