

Pipe of the month

8ft Hautboy (Swell) - orchestral oboe

Hautboy is the French name for the Oboe.

This Reed pipe imitates the tone of the orchestral oboe.

“It has a thin, pointed, nasal, direct tone that commands the attention, although not at all loud. ... This solo and ensemble stop performs better when enclosed, making it flexible in dynamic for solo melodies.”*

The pipe resonators are a very slender, inverted conical shape, capped at the top. The tongues inside the reed boot are very narrow and finely curved.

The orchestral oboe was invented by Father Willis’s nephew George Willis who was an excellent reed voicer.