

Pipe of the month

**8ft Corno di Bassetto (Choir) - clarinet
reed**

Corno di Bassetto is another name for the Basset Horn - an imitative reed stop of 8 ft, which in the Willis organ plays in the Choir. It is voiced for solo playing with the sound of the clarinet but lighter and more open in tone than the woody, hollow timbre of the orchestral clarinet.

The Corno di Bassetto stop in the Willis is one of the original stops from 1882 by Father Willis (probably voiced by master reed voicer Vincent Willis, his son) and is a particularly wonderful sweet and broad tone.