

Pipe of the month

8ft Cornopean (Swell) - chorus reed

The Cornopean is a moderately loud chorus reed of 8 ft or 4 ft on the manuals (in the Willis organ it is 8 ft in the Swell). It has a similar sound to the trumpet.

The cornopean is used where a trumpet stop would be too bright while still needing to be a strong sound.

The tone of the cornopean is useful when it is neutral and can be blended with the flutes though it can also be used as a solo stop.

“Liveliness of tone and a limited brilliance are its chief contributions to the organ”*.