

Pipes of the month

16ft Violone (Pedal)
8ft Violoncello (Pedal)
4ft Viola (Pedal)

The Viola/Violone pipes are ‘string’ pipes which imitate the string sound of an orchestra.

This type of pipe has a keen, incisive tone.

Strings are a more recent addition to the pipe organ than the fundamental Diapason and flute stops. Their harmonic structures are less easily blended with flues and reeds than those of other stops. They sound a great mass of overtones, especially higher up (each string pipe sounds from 25-60 harmonics).



Left:
the **16ft Violone** in the Willis organ behind the Choir swell box

Right:
the **8ft Violoncello** and **4ft Viola** in the Willis organ alongside the **16ft Violone**.

Note how the pipes are supported on their soundboards - they sit in 'rackboards' mounted on 'rack pillars'. The larger pipes are tied to wooden 'stays' higher up the pipes.

