

# SPECIFICATIONS

## General

- The proposed work is not anonymous: the candidate must sign his/her composition with his/her first and last name or artist's name, if applicable.
- Transcriptions of works from the repertoire are not accepted. The proposed work must be original and may not contain borrowings from pre-existing works, with the exception of the right of short quotation as provided for in article L122-5-3-a of the French Intellectual Property Code.
- No particular theme is imposed. The composition is entirely free.

## 1 - Category Solo organ

Composers are asked to write a piece specifically for this instrument, with a duration from 5 to 8 minutes.

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The 3rd manual, the Récit expressif, has a rather romantic aesthetic.

### **The "constraints" of the instrument and its environment**

The keyboards are mechanically driven, and it may be difficult for the performer to play the three coupled keyboards for long periods.

The acoustics of the church are very generous (7 second reverberation).

## Composition of the great Boisseau organ of Notre-Dame de Royan (48 jeux)

The 48 jeux are distributed over three 56-note keyboards and a 30-note pedalboard.

### Grand-Orgue

Montre 16, montre 8, bourdon 8, prestant 4, doublette 2, fourniture 5 rangs, cymbale 4 rangs, tierce 2 1/5, nazard 2 2/3, tierce 1 3/5, cornet, trompette 8, clairon 4, trompette 8 en chamade, clairon 4 en chamade (les chamades sont coupées en basses et dessus)

### Positif de dos

Montre 8, bourdon 8, prestant 4, doublette 2, quarte 2, Nazard 2 2/3, tierce 1 3/5, fourniture 4 rangs, cymbale 3 rangs, trompette 8, cromorne 8, voix humaine. Tremblant.

### Récit expressif

Principal 8, principal 4, voix céleste, flûte 8, flûte 4, flûte 2, sifflet 1, plein jeu 4 rangs, cornet 5 rangs (hors boîte expressive), bombarde 16, trompette 8, clairon 4, hautbois. Trémolo.

### Pédale

Flûte 16, flûte 8, flûte 4, soubasse 16, chalumeau 4 (en chamade), bombarde 16, trompette 8, clairon 4.

Accouplements : Récit/G.O, Pos/G.O

Tirasse récit, tirasse G.O, tirasse positif.

Boîte expressive

Combinator

Mechanical traction

## 2 - Category Organ and instrumental ensemble

Composers are asked to write a piece specifically for this instrumental device, with a duration from 7 to 10 minutes.

Particular attention should be paid to the consideration of constraints of realization and acoustics related to the arrangement of the ensemble and the organ (ensemble located under the organ, at the bottom of the main staircase).

Imposed instrumental nomenclature:

- Instrumental ensemble :
  - Timpani x4 (1 percussionist) (4 Adams Symphonics 32/29/26/23', with pedal), accessories on skin, various sticks and bow possible.
  - 8 violins (2 divisi max.)
  - 4 violas (2 divisi max.)
  - 2 cellos (2 divisi)
  - 1 double bass

- Organ

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### 3 - Contact

If you have any questions about these specifications, please send an email to:  
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