



Chichester organ comes to Jugon les Lacs

Rob Well I'm here in the church of Notre Dame et Saint-Etienne surrounded by all sorts of pipes and mechanical devices, and I am with Yann Drezet who can tell me exactly what's happening here. What is this in front of us here?

Yann Here we have a lot of pieces of organ we have dismantled in Chichester in October. All pieces are on the floor, on the table. There are pipes. There are mechanics for the wind, the keyboard on the floor.

Rob This is a special organ that's come from England.

Yann This organ comes from Chichester from the Greylingwell Hospital.

Rob And when was it made originally, this organ?

Yann The organ was built in the 19 centuries in the chapel of the hospital.

Rob And why is it here in Jugon Les Lacs?

Yann I received an email from a Graham Jones who is an organ builder and he wrote me there was an organ in Chichester and he has to go away and in Jugon we needed an organ, so OK we go to take the organ to keep it in the church of Jugon Les Lacs.

Rob Because this is quite a large church but it has never had an organ in it.

Yann Never. Never.

Rob So you went to England?

Yann Yes.

Rob You dismantled the organ.

Yann We have dismantled the organ for two days. Two days for dismantle. We need one year to rebuild the organ completely. It's a long job and we want to go slowly because there are some pieces to repair and we don't want to dismantle the organ in two years because pieces are broken. So we are repairing all the pieces now.

Rob And is this organ special in any way? Is it an unusual organ?

Yann It's a classical organ. It has fourteen stops. Six stops on the great organ, six stops on the Swell – the second keyboard – and two stops on the pedals. It's a classical organ. There is a trumpet and there is an oboe...horn, horn. Two special stops. The other stops are flute, diapason, upper diapason, classical stops.

Rob Maybe we can hear some of the notes later, in the sound of the church, it would be interesting.



Yann Yes, yes we can.

Rob How many pipes have you got to inspect?

Yann There are seven hundred pipes.

Rob Seven hundred pipes?

Yann I have to see if there are seven hundred and thirty, thirty two, thirty three. I don't know.

Rob It's quite normal for an organ to have seven hundred.

Yann It's a small organ. We can have two thousand, three thousand pipes. At Notre Dame de Paris it's ten thousand pipes, or twenty thousand pipes. Big, big organ. In Jugon Les Lacs it's a small organ.

Rob And when you've reconstructed the organ in a year or something like that, how will it be used in the church?

Yann It's a church, so there's a ?????? in the church, but it's also a touristic city, Jugon Les Lacs, and we hope there are concerts in the church.

Rob Who is responsible for helping you over there?

Yann Chorale Brittany and Mike Pickering. Chorale have hosted a ?????? and Mike dismantled the organ with us.

Rob Will they be coming to see the results of all this work when you've finished?

Yann Next year, in one year, they will come in Brittany, Jugon, to see the Chichester organ in the church in Jugon Les Lacs.

Rob And you, yourself, why are you interested in rebuilding this organ?

Yann I am interested because it's a challenge to rebuild, but I play the organ too. I like to play the organ. I am not a professional, but I like to play the organ.

Rob Do you play classical music?

Yann I play few classical music, Bach for example, but others ???????, Irish music, New Orleans music, Ragtime, Scott Joplin, Japanese music...

Rob Will you be able to play these sorts of music on this organ?

Yann It's possible. I want to play this music that I love, I love this music.



Rob Well, I wish you the very best of luck with your work. Thank you very much again.

Yann Thank you, thank you.

Rob Maybe now we can hear some music, to give us an idea of what we will hear in one year's time.

Yann OK, I will find some pipes. Big, big pipeMedium pipe.....

Rob And this is a trumpet.

Yann A trumpet.... A wooden pipe.....