

# MULLER PIPE ORGAN COMPANY

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## **Dublin Presbyterian Church Dublin, OH**

**Two manuals, 27 stops, 16 ranks  
1990 Schantz  
Relocation and New Casework 2018**

Muller Pipe Organ Company tuned and maintained the pipe organ at Hocking Hills United Methodist Church of Logan, Ohio since its installation in 1990. The instrument became available when the congregation decided to relocate to a new building without it. Electrical systems and perishable material such as leather were still in good condition because of the relative youth of the organ. This modest, well-balanced church organ deserved a second life.

As the Methodists in Logan were making plans to move, we were contacted by Dublin Presbyterian Church about the feasibility of installing an appropriate instrument into their sanctuary. Because both worship spaces are similarly sized, we suggested the Logan instrument. After a visit to hear the organ, all agreed it was an ideal match.

Because every pipe organ is designed and built specifically for its home, modifications are usually necessary when relocating an instrument. Tonally, the organ was a perfect fit. This meant no major voicing changes were necessary; in fact, the high ceiling and hard surfaces at Dublin Presbyterian enhance the tonal qualities of the organ. Visually, the organ needed a new case to complement its new home. Muller and the organ committee worked together to develop a suitable design. The case was custom-built by our artisans. New façade pipes replace their original counterparts. Other changes include three new offset windchests to accommodate the revised physical layout of the organ.

The Great division is situated at the top of the case where its sound can naturally bounce off the acoustically reflective ceiling. It consists primarily of a full-bodied Principal chorus to lead congregational singing, plus a lovely 8' flute to accompany the solo sounds in the Swell division. The softer, more colorful sounds of the Swell and its placement lower in the case make it ideal for choral accompaniment. The Swell includes two colorful reeds as well as a *Cornet décomposé*, all of which can be affected by a gentle tremolo. This division is completed by a lush set of strings. An important feature for the success of this organ is the use of thoughtful borrowing. The Swell Gemshorn provides a subtle *gravitas* to the Great principal chorus and helps lead low voices in singing. In the Pedal, it provides a middle ground to the gentle 16' Holz Bordun and the bold 16' Principal. With four 16' stops, the Pedal division is remarkably complete for an instrument of 16 ranks.

We were pleased to find a new home for a deserving instrument, and know that it will be a faithful servant in leading worship at Dublin Presbyterian Church for generations to come.