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be heard again!



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5 PROs of your patronage for an organ pipe

- 1 I want to do something for Colditz Castle.
- 2 I want to help to revive an important part of the history of the castle.
- 3 I want the chapel organ to be heard again.
- 4 I want to contribute to the protection of historical pipe organs.
- 5 I want to strengthen the good relationship between Britain and Germany.

Dear friends of Colditz Castle,

I was delighted to hear that plans are afoot to reconstruct the chapel organ of Colditz Castle. Many years ago, I saw some preserved pipes of the former instrument in one of the many castle cellars. Their poor condition saddened me as much as the empty organ casing in the chapel. Being a POW camp for officers of the Allies (Oflag IV C) in World War II, Colditz Castle has become a symbolic place for many people in Britain. The Colditz Society keeps the memories of that time alive and is making a special effort to strengthen the good relationship between Germany and Britain. As the chairman of this society, I'm honoured to be the patron of the project of the organ restoration. It will be a considerable challenge to secure the financing of this project through donations. But I will see to arousing interest in the project in Britain, so we can successfully complete it together.



David Ray

David Ray, MBE

Patron of the project | Chairman of Colditz Society, London

It's easy
to help!

The pipe organ of the chapel of Colditz Castle was built by Friedrich Nikolaus Jahn (Dresden) around 1850. After its extension by Johann Kralapp (Leisnig) in 1885 it consisted of 2 manuals, 14 stops and 792 pipes. The instrument was playable until 1945. During the time Colditz Castle was an Oflag, the organ's play drowned the noises caused by the construction of an escape tunnel which was being dug right beneath the chapel floor. After World War II the organ fell into decay and was partly looted. Some components, such as the manuals and the wind chests as well as the organ's console, are restorable. Most of the pipes, however, have to be manufactured. A total of about 180,000 EUR will be needed in order to make the organ be heard again. Support the restoration of the organ! Make a donation and become a patron of one of the pipe organs!

Façade pipe:	500 EUR
Tin pipe:	300 EUR
Wooden pipe:	100 EUR

As a patron you receive a donation receipt and – at your request – a certificate marking the stop and tone of “your” pipe. Your name will be published on the internet and we will invite you to an exclusive concert played on the restored instrument.

Of course, we also welcome smaller donations – any amount helps!

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