



PRESS RELEASE

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Organ at St. Sebastian's Cathedral in Bratislava made with veneer from hardwood specialist **Church Organ With Danzer Veneer Can Be Heard at Festival in The Slovakian Capital**

Dornbirn, Austria/Bratislava, Slovakia. Renowned international organ builder Rieger made the organ for St. Sebastian's Cathedral in Bratislava using maple veneer produced by Danzer. The instrument can be heard at the celebrated Bratislava Organ Festival between the end of June and mid-July. The concerts will cover the full spectrum, from classic organ music to modern compositions. Built using veneer from Danzer, the organ lives up to the organizer's exacting aesthetic and musical standards.

Bird's eye maple and European maple veneer manufactured by Danzer was used for the instrument, which was built by leading international organ makers Rieger, from Schwarzach in Austria. The organ, built in 2017 at St. Sebastian's Cathedral in Bratislava, Slovakia, can be heard on three separate occasions between June 28 and July 17 at the seventh Bratislava Organ Festival. In addition to classical organ recitals, the repertoire focuses primarily on modern compositions accompanied by saxophone and bagpipes, among others.

Construction and history

"We teamed up with the specialists from Rieger Orgelbau to implement a fascinating project for the organ at St. Sebastian's Cathedral in Bratislava. We looked at different types of wood together – ultimately deciding in favor of the two maple veneers as they harmonize very well with the numerous gold accents found elsewhere in the church," explained Walter Mooslechner, Sales Director Danzer Veneer Europe. The organ was built in Schwarzach in the first half of 2017, and transported to Bratislava largely preassembled. It uses Danzer bird's eye maple veneer and Danzer European maple veneer. "A four-person team from Rieger was responsible for assembling the organ on site ready for its official inauguration on December 17, 2017," Walter Mooslechner explained. "Famous musicians will also play contemporary pieces on the organ at this year's organ festival. The three concerts at St. Sebastian's Cathedral will take place on June 28, July 10 and July 17.

About Rieger

Based in Schwarzach, Rieger Orgelbau is an Austrian firm of organ builders with a tradition that stretches back more than 170 years. To date, Rieger has supplied more than 2,000 instruments of all shapes and sizes to countries all over the world – for famous cathedrals, concert halls, conservatories and music universities.

www.rieger-orgelbau.com

Bratislava Organ Festival

The annual international Bratislava Organ Festival was held for the first time in 2012. In addition to classical organ music, it also features less conventional jazz and world music pieces, as well as instruments including the saxophone and bagpipes. The 2018 festival, which runs from June 19-July 17, plays out at various churches, cathedrals and concert halls in the Slovakian capital.

www.visitbratislava.com/events/bratislava-organ-festival

Facts Danzer

One of the world's largest producers of decorative hardwood

Founded: 1932

Holding company located in: Dornbirn, Austria

Production facilities: 4 in Europe, 5 in North America

Sales offices: 7 in Europe, 8 in North America, 3 in Asia

Product range: veneer, lumber, timber and logs, specialties (Vinterio, 3D-Veneer)

Sales 2017: 210 million Euros

Supplies customers in 76 countries worldwide

Employees: 1,600 worldwide

About Danzer

Danzer is a leading quality hardwood company with production facilities in North America and Europe. It has approximately 1,600 employees and services customers from 18 sales offices worldwide. Founded in 1932, Danzer is managed by a third-generation family member. The company owns and sustainably manages forests in North America and produces sliced veneer, lumber and innovative value-added wood products for decorative purposes. Danzer products are used in high-quality furniture, kitchen cabinets, cars and other applications.

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