



HAZEL WRIGHT ORGAN

- ◆ The Hazel Wright Organ is the world's fifth-largest organ.
- ◆ The pipework of the Hazel Wright Organ is from two main sources: the 115-rank Fratelli Ruffatti organ built in 1977 for the Garden Grove Community (now called the Arboretum) and the 100-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ purchased from the Philharmonic Hall in New York City. When the two organs were combined, under the direction of famed organist Virgil Fox, many more ranks of Ruffatti pipes were added.
- ◆ The organ has two consoles, each with five manuals, or keyboards, hundreds of drawknobs and more than 17,000 pipes.
- ◆ The Hazel Wright Organ is named for Mrs. Hazel Wright, a regular viewer of Robert Schuller's weekly Christian television program, "Hour of Power." Mrs. Wright donated \$2 million for this grand instrument, now affectionately referred to as "Hazel."
- ◆ In 2014, the Hazel Wright Organ was dismantled and shipped to Fratelli Ruffatti's workshops in Padua, Italy for restoration.
- ◆ The Hazel Wright Organ was shipped back to California in 2016 where it was temporarily stored in an Irvine warehouse before being reinstalled in Christ Cathedral.
- ◆ Part of the Hazel Wright Organ's renovation includes restoring the connection between the Arvella Schuller Carillon and the organ console within the cathedral so the 52-bell carillon can again be played from the organ console as well as from the carillon keyboard in the Crean tower.
- ◆ The Hazel Wright Organ's history and exciting future is featured at ChristCathedralMusic.org and on the Christ Cathedral Music Facebook page.
- ◆ The Rededication of the Hazel Wright Organ is scheduled for May 15 -17, 2020, featuring organist Frederick Swann, Hector Olivera and Paul Jacobs. Following the gala weekend, there will be monthly Rededication concerts culminating on January 4, 2021 with a concert with Paul Jacobs and the Pacific Symphony. All of the details and ticket information may be found at HazelisBack.org.