

## GOTLAND -

island off southern Sweden's east coast, where a number of 14<sup>th</sup>c organs came to be partially preserved, representing one of the most notable areas and epochs of the European organ. Sancta Karin's church in *G*'s capital, Visby, is known to have had an organ in the late 1300s. From 1370 onwards instruments also existed in Sundre, [Norrlanda](#), Anga, and Etelhem. Valuable fragments of them are preserved in the National History Museum, Stockholm.

Their technology must have had its origins in the 13<sup>th</sup>c or early 14<sup>th</sup>c and appears to have come from Germany: Sundre, c1380, was built by "Meister Werner" from Brandenburg. Early Christian missionaries to Sweden might have had some influence here, but Visby was also part of the [Hanseatic League](#), and even tiny village churches on *G* had organs. They were essentially [Blockwerks](#) employing narrow chests of III-VII ranks of pipes, with compasses of 18-22 notes. At times they included small pedals to play the lowest pipes. A replica of the Norrlanda organ has been built at Ostheim (D).