

## NORRLANDA ORGAN -

The world's oldest surviving organ fragments, dating c1370-1400. Built by an unknown builder for a church in *N*, on the island of [Gotland](#), the *NO* case remains intact with its original keyboard, [pedals](#) (one of the earliest known, cf. [Halberstadt 1361](#)), action, and windchests. These remnants are now on display in the National Historical Museum in Stockholm. The lowest pipe of the *NO* seems to have been about 3' long, and the lowest 8 pipes in the side flats were playable only by the 8 pedals using a tracker system where each pedal key simultaneously played two notes, a fourth or fifth apart. The organ has a fully chromatic manual compass of 22 keys, beginning where the pedal leaves off, for a complete compass of C D E F G A B  $\flat$  B  $\natural$  c-a<sup>1</sup>. The keys for diatonic notes, including B $\flat$ , are on one level, with keys for C $\sharp$ , D $\sharp$ , F $\sharp$ , and G $\sharp$  arranged in pairs on a higher level. Mads Kjersgaard has done extensive research on the *NO* and a fully playable replica has been built at Ostheim (D:) - see [www.orgelbaumuseum.de/ausstellung/die-geschichte-der-orgel/](http://www.orgelbaumuseum.de/ausstellung/die-geschichte-der-orgel/).

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