

X Blockwerk 2 keyboards? 20 notes each? (? C D E F G A B b B ♯ ?)

[Wulfstan](#) makes reference to a large organ at the Old Minster in Winchester in a hagiography of St. Swithun. According to this account, the organ contained 400 pipes and required 70 strong men to operate its 26 bellows. Forty sliders, each perforated with 10 holes, are drawn and returned by two monks "of harmonious spirit." ([key-slide](#); [Utrecht Psalter](#)). McKinnon argues that the hyperbolic tendency of Wulfstan's style and the small size of other organs in contemporary accounts undermine the organological accuracy of this description. The poem was composed between 984 and 1005, during the time that Elphege II was bishop of Winchester. Elphege made numerous improvements to this organ, and if it was installed towards the completion of the architectural changes, then it dates from c994.