

## The Schober Theatre Organ



If you are old enough to remember the sounds of the theatre organ during and after the days of the silent cinema, you will immediately recognize the authenticity and versatility of this newest Schober Organ. Created with modern technology, it is thoroughly faithful to a musical tradition which many people believe made possible the most delightful and satisfying way for one player to produce light music.

The Schober Theatre Organ is not merely a routine electronic organ dressed up to suggest the cinema instrument. It was designed from the ground up to provide that marvelous palette of tone colors and pitch registers that makes even the simplest effort result in musical satisfaction that warms the heart. Indeed, few but the largest theatre organs of yesteryear could provide the variety of effects, the gamut of emotional expression which is now available to you in the Schober Theatre Organ.

### THE STANDARD THEATRE ORGAN

The Schober Theatre Organ has two 61-note standard pipe-organ keyboards with overhanging keys, with the normal appearance and touch but heavy steel construction of all Schober manuals. The rugged plastic key caps resist breakage and do not discolor but any one can quickly and cheaply be replaced in case of a cigarette burn or accident. The 2-octave, flat, radiating pedal clavier is practically impervious to damage, with its unbreakable sharps and heavy construction.

The organ provides eight octaves of tone and has five pitch registers for its 35 speaking organ stops and eight percussions. There are four couplers. Vibrato (three different intensities) can be placed on either manual or both, but does not affect the pedal tones, a traditional Schober advantage. Other standard controls include pedal balance (three degrees of pedal volume), manual balance (accentuates either manual), and percussion balance (three degrees of percussion volume). The 48 stop tablets are color-coded according to traditional theatre practice.

The Theatre Organ console is among the most graceful to be found anywhere, with the curved stop board that identifies the theatre organ, and beautifully grained, genuine walnut veneers and solids. The circuitry of the Theatre Organ is fully transistorized, with regulated power supply, and all electronic components are of typical high Schober quality. The organ contains nothing to wear out or need periodic replacement.

Typical total cost of all the kits and parts you need for a complete basic Theatre Organ is \$1730 (which you don't have to spend all at once), but this can vary up or down depending on your console choice, as explained in the Price List. Regardless of this choice, the result will be a complete organ ready to play - except for amplifier and speaker system. If you purchase amplifier and speakers from Schober, typical total cost is \$204 for a sound system built into the console or \$278 for an external system, though the latter figure can vary as explained in the Price Lists. If you have a good high-fidelity or stereo system you can play the organ through it and do not need to buy sound equipment from Schober. There are also optional accessories you may want now or later, but the organ is complete without them.

