

For further information about the purchase or hire of an *Orgelkids* demonstration organ kit please contact:

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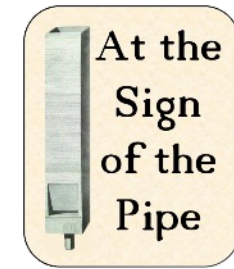
www.orgelkids.nl

Orgelkids UK

In 2008 retired organ builder Wim Janssen built a small pipe organ in the form of a kit that could be taken into schools or used in public outreach events. In less than one hour, a fully functioning pipe organ with a two-octave keyboard and two ranks of pipes can be assembled without using tools. What is more, all the action, even inside the windchest, can be seen.

An educational programme called *Orgelkids* was set up in the Netherlands to promote understanding of how traditional pipe organs are built and function based on this organ. Dutch organbuilders *Verscheuw Orgelbouw* refined the prototype organ and made plans available.

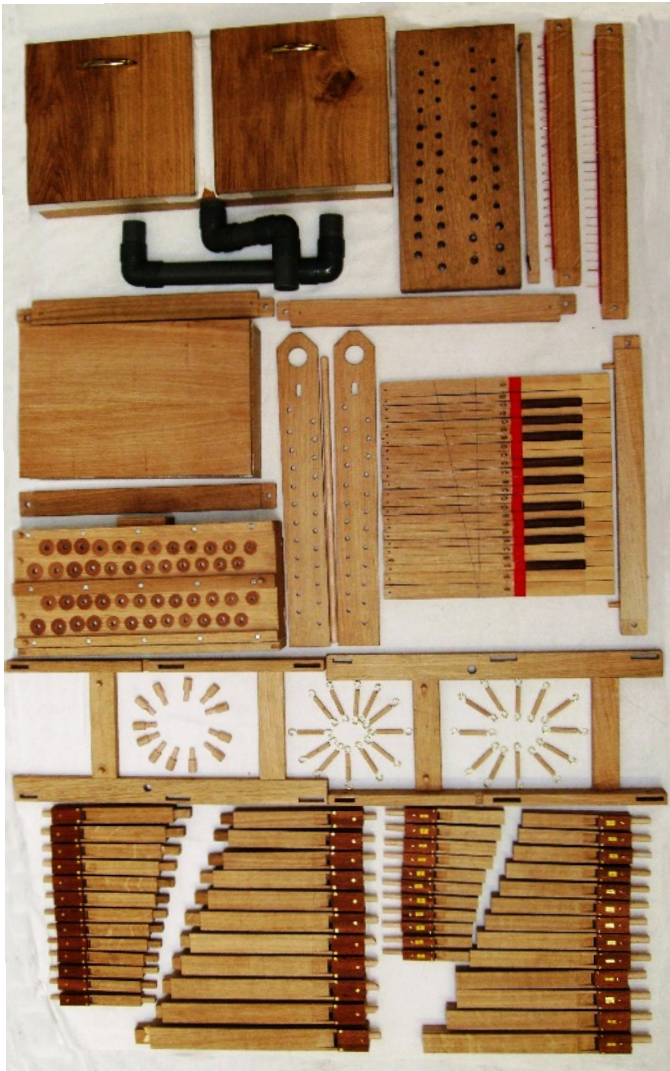
The *Orgelkids* idea has taken off all over the world and has now arrived in the UK.



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A true miniature organ in a box!

The *Orgelkids* organ arrives as a kit that can be assembled by a class of schoolchildren, or a group of adults, to give a fully functional musical instrument with almost all of the essential features of the 'King of Instruments'.



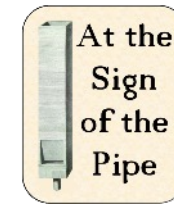
The kit is made using traditional organ building materials: oak, leather and brass. Once assembled, the organ is pumped by hand and either one, or both, of the ranks of pipes sound by pulling out the appropriate sliders.



The action of the keys to open the pallets can be observed through a window.



No tools are required for assembly.



At the Sign of the Pipe is proud to offer the *Orgelkids* organ for sale and to continue the spirit of the original idea by making the organs using traditional materials and techniques. The main structure of the organ and the pipework is made of English oak. The wind is provided by two hand-operated bellows that feed into a weighted reservoir. The keys open the pallets by a suspended action.

The *Orgelkids* kit is supplied in a sturdy case that fits into the boot of a standard car. Each kit comes with a colour booklet that gives step by step instructions on assembly. The English-language pages of the *Orgelkids* website (www.orgelkids.nl) gives extra background information on the organ. In addition, several pieces of music composed specially for the organ can be downloaded.

Each *Orgelkids UK* organ is made to order and delivery will be three months from the date of placement of order and payment of a deposit. The purchase price includes personal delivery of the kit to a mainland UK address and a demonstration of its assembly. Delivery of a kit to Northern Ireland, the Scottish Highlands and Islands, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands will be done by courier and is included in the purchase price.

Price (January 2023): £5,500

An *Orgelkids* kit is also available for hire, please enquire for further details.