

The Möller Theatre Organ



Crystal Theatre PAC has the distinction of possessing the largest theatre pipe organ in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The organ, consisting of 3 manuals (keyboards) and 21 ranks, (sets of pipes) was originally built in 1927 by the M.P. Möller Company of Hagerstown, Maryland.

There are more than 1,600 pipes, installed in the on-stage chambers, ranging in size from half an inch to over 16 feet in length. In addition, there is a battery of actual tuned percussion, drums, traps and sound effects installed in two chambers, located on either side of the proscenium.

The Möller organ was originally installed in the Illinois College of Music in Chicago where it was used to teach accompaniment and scoring for silent films. There is some additional pipe-work in the instrument that came from another, similar Möller theatre organ from Brooklyn, NY.

Theatre organ shows and silent films are uniquely special and continue to be amongst the most popular "feature" presentations at Crystal Theatre PAC.