

# Royal Festival Hall London

## Timbmet Instrumental in Iconic Organ Restoration

### Project Brief

Restoration of the Royal Festival Hall organ at the Southbank Centre in London.

### Client

Harrison & Harrison, County Durham.

### Product Solution

Utile Hardwood.

### The Project

Harrison & Harrison, the leading organ restoration specialists in the UK, are undertaking the major project of restoring the Festival Hall organ. They are in the process of completing the second of three contracts to clean, restore and replace the specialist components of the Grade I listed instrument.

The organ will be reinstalled by the end of 2013 and the balance of the 103 stops will then be carefully adjusted to the hall's new acoustic. It will be re-inaugurated in 2014, 60 years on from when it was first installed in the Royal Festival Hall in 1954.

### The Challenge

To completely replace the organ's timber frame which required substantial quantities of Utile hardwood.





## The Timbmet Solution

Although the original frame was of pine, Utile has now been specified for its strength and versatility. Timbmet were able to source and supply the required quantities in the dimensions and longer lengths necessary for a project of such magnitude.



The existing organ was actually built and installed by this company back in the 1950s. The challenge was to restore it to its former glory, retaining the overall aesthetic impact of the original, using materials that are complementary to the surroundings. The task cannot be underestimated and cannot be achieved without employing the highest possible principles in both workmanship and the choice of materials. With 7,710 pipes, the size of the project is immense. Timbmet has the capacity to supply the required quantity and quality of timber necessary for such an important project



**John Oliver, Assistant Works Manager: Harrison & Harrison**

## Timbmet Product Range

- ✓ Sawn Hardwoods
- ✓ Clear Softwoods
- ✓ Manufacturing
- ✓ Mouldings
- ✓ TEC®  
(Timbmet Engineered Components)
- ✓ Panel Products
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