

OOO to the Rescue!



In August of 1970, the Keyboard Division of the North American Minimalist Society published a manifesto that declared war on pipe organs, claiming they were “disproportionately large for the amount of musical gratification [they] produced.” Its militant members immediately began to “downsize” organs by stealing their pipes. From Philadelphia (Wanamaker’s) to London (Royal Albert Hall), from Australia (Sydney Town Hall) to New York (St. Bartholomew’s), pipe organs suffered losses ranging from a single vox humana pipe to entire ranks of diapasons. Eventually, the Oregon Organ Organization, an elite anti-keyboard terrorist guild, infiltrated the NAMS/KD and brought them to justice, no matter the swiped pipes were not in the perps’ possession at the time. But that little legal lapse was soon rectified when a Pringler Water Ski Company buyer visited Society headquarters – now covertly staffed by the OOO – and requested a re-supply of its increasingly in-demand product. Faced with a lengthy fine for trafficking in stolen goods, Pringler coughed up a robust customer list. Eventually, the organs got their pipes back. All except for two. So if you recognize the young skier in the photo (Pringler thinks her name was Dinklaker), please contact your local chapter of the OOO. Reward.