

Dear Hanseatic friends,

The Hansa Organ Project cordially invites you to participate in the activities of the project's two different parts: to send in compositions and to send organists to the Hansa Organ Festival on the occasion of the Hanseatic Day in Visby, 5-8 June 2025.

The initiative to the project was taken by the organists in the St Mary Churches in Visby and Lübeck. They wanted to find ways to introduce organ music as a cultural element at Hanseatic Days in the future, starting in Visby in 2025. Project partners were searched, and an application was sent in to the Swedish Institute. Luckily enough, the application was approved, and the project could start in October.

Project partners are:

Saint Mary Cathedral in Visby (Sweden)

St Marien zu Lübeck (Germany)

Pro Musica Organa (Poland)

Cēsis Municipality (Latvia)

The Hansa Association, associated partner

The partners have one representative each in the Steering Group of the project.


Project manager is Inger Harlevi.

The project now invites the Hanseatic cities to send in organ compositions in two different categories, see the information about criteria and regulations. The 15-20 winners will be selected by a jury and the pieces will be presented in a Hansa Organ Book that will be launched at the Hanseatic Day in Visby. Compositions should be sent in until 1 June 2024.

The second part of the project deals with Hansa Organ Festivals, where organ music in and from Hanseatic cities can be highlighted in the long run. The project will invite organists from Hanseatic cities to participate at the first festival of this kind during the Hanseatic Day in Visby in 2025. Gotland has a huge number of fascinating medieval churches with interesting organs and not only the organs in St Mary's Cathedral will be used during the festival. More information and invitations will be sent out in due time in 2024.

We hope that you will find this opportunity interesting and encourage your composers/organists to participate! You are most welcome to send in your contributions!

With my very best regards on behalf of the Steering Group of the Hansa Organ Project



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