An exchange of emails and pipe organ history...

Thu, Sep 3, 3:52 PM (1 day ago)

Andrew E. Dreszer <adreszer1 @

to sales

The Holtkamp pipe organ installed in 1974 at McAllister Memorial Presbyterian Church in Covington VA is undergoing restoration. As a result, this LaMarche Orgelectra 240-volt 3-phase to DC power converter has been retired. The unit has served the church well for 46 years. The organ builder chose to replace it with a 110-volt to DC converter while upgrading stop motors and other components.

Your unit was heavy built. It took two of us to wrestle it out of the back of the organ case. It is a nice piece of history. Nice to see LaMarche Manufacturing is still in business. Holtkamp is too.

Best wishes to Judith LaMarche and your employees for many good manufacturing years ahead.

Photos attached. Regards, Andy



Dylan Oberoi doberoi@ to Aleksandra, me

Thu, Sep 3, 4:20 PM (1 day ago)

Andrew.

Dylan over here. Thank you so much for the kind words and wonderful pictures.

Its what makes these customer stories worth it for us working at a place like La marche. With your permission, could we use this email as a testimonial "customer success story" on our social media platforms along with our company website?

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Sep 3, 2020, 7:40 PM (21 hours ago)

to Dylan

Dylan-

Yes, I have no issue in your using my email as a testimonial for LaMarche. If you have any interest in seeing more pictures of the organ restoration in progress you can find them on Facebook @HoltkampatMcAllister.

Andy

Judy La Marche Judy La Marche

Thu, Sep 3, 4:41 PM (1 day ago)

to me, Don

Thank you for taking the time to share this treasure with our family owned business! You may or may not know that my grandfather, George La Marche, built and repaired organs, which inspired my father, Austin La Marche, to start his own business with the initial product, the Orgelectra. I'm happy to see that Holtkamp is continuing their fine business model as well. We truly appreciate the testimonial, the email, and the photo. The unit looks in pristine condition. You must take good care of your equipment!

Best Regards,

Judy

Judith A. La Marche Chair of the Board Woman-Owned Small Business La Marche Mfg. Co

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Thu, Sep 3, 7:54 PM (21 hours ago)

to Judy

Judy-

Looking at the unit I knew there had to be history there and I was pleased to find in a quick online search that LaMarche was still in business. You have to be proud in carrying your family's legacy forward. I wish you well in these challenging times.

I have given Dylan the OK to use my email as a testimonial for LaMarche and I hope you will be OK with my sharing your email with the congregation at McAllister Memorial. It's connections like this that help people connect with the past and give importance to the restoration.

Best regards, Andy

1:37 PM (3 hours ago)

Judy La Marche Judy La Marche @

to me

Absolutely! If you are interested in more of the story, my great-grandfather, that is, George La Marche's father and Austin's grandfather, was a Methodist minister who lived in Maine and served several churches in the upper New England area, a circuit rider of sorts. That's where the service to church organs came from. There is an organ company called Austin Organs, Inc. after which my father was named. So there is a family history of appreciation for music and ministry.

I hope your group finds the story of interest.

Best Regards,

Judy

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