

New competence in the field of organ maintenance

## Reinforcement to uphold important values

**Männedorf, March 1, 2010 – Orgelbau Kuhn takes care of organs in Switzerland and abroad, aiming to maintain their value for the long term.**

**Professionally-trained organbuilders care for the maintenance of newly-built organs, historically protected and restored organs, as well as instruments made by other manufacturers. The work of Orgelbau Kuhn extends over more than ten countries and three continents. The key aims of Orgelbau Kuhn with respect to organ maintenance are continuity and constantly high quality.**

An important criterion in guaranteeing that organs retain their value through qualified maintenance is to ensure that the experts on site are constantly in touch with the main company. They must be able to rely on support at all times, regardless of whether this is in the form of material, qualified advice or administrative counselling. Customers greatly appreciate being able to discuss all their questions and problems with on-site experts.

In order to be able to fulfil this need even better than before, both in Switzerland and abroad, Orgelbau Kuhn has called for reinforcement in the field of organ maintenance. Since January 1, 2010, *Markus Hahn (1975)* has been the head of this department. Dieter Utz, the Managing Director, has been working with him since 2008, enabling Markus Hahn to gain thorough insights into his new responsibilities.

### New head of department with a well-rounded profile

«Markus Hahn is well-equipped to head the organ maintenance department and to support our regional representatives by offering professional management», commented Dieter Utz. Markus Hahn has the multifaceted experience which this job requires. After his training with Orgelbau Kuhn as a pipe maker, he completed his vocational training at the „Handelsschule Minerva“ where he qualified as an administration clerk. Following this he undertook two years of practical experience in the commercial sector. In the year 2001, he decided to return to organ building and to journey across the world. For two and a half years, he worked as a pipe maker with Pasi Organbuilders Inc., located south of Seattle WA (USA).

«My time in the USA not only broadened my horizons in the classical sense, but, seen from afar, it opened my eyes for the first time to the world of organ building and to our rich, cultural heritage in Europe and Switzerland. - I clearly realised how important this is to me. It was almost an enlightenment», says Markus Hahn.

## **Dream job**

After his return to Switzerland, he first worked as a self-employed pipe maker. Meanwhile, his desire to learn is unrelenting. In the year 2005, he decided to complete the matura (school leaving examination). In 2007, he completed his education by passing the British school leaving examinations at the Hull School in Zürich. He then studied mathematics for a few months at the ETH (Technical University in Zürich). Markus Hahn now knows what he would like to do with all this experience: to link his craftsmanship skills, his love of music (Markus Hahn plays the tuba in the Alumni Symphony Orchestra in Zürich, among others) and his enthusiasm for culture with the opportunity to contribute his commercial know-how and his general education on a national and an international scale.

Markus Hahn has found the job of his dreams. Without a doubt, he will master it professionally, with dedication and with a musical ear for the concerns of his customers.