

Partial List of Terms Associated With Stop Names

Celeste = rank of pipes deliberately tuned slightly off pitch (usually sharp)

Contra = denotes sub-unison pitch (16' on the manuals, 32' on the pedals)

D'Amore (D'Amour) = *solo*, soft, delicate quality

Doppel = having 2 mouths

Echo = a soft form of what would otherwise be a mf, f, or mff stop

En Chamade = pipes mounted horizontally

Gross = sub-unison pitch -or- large scale at unison

Harmonic = as an adjective, indicates a pipe of double or triple length at unison pitch, designed to strengthen the lower train of harmonics in the pipe without adding brilliance. (May have a "Node hole")

Hohl = indicates a "hollow" timbre

Holz = made of wood

Horn (Cor, Corno) = indicates that the lower 6 to 8 partials are of about equal strength, thus imparting a "horn-like" quality

Klein = denotes a gentle or soft tone

Lieblich = denotes a smooth, solo-like warm flue tone

Magna = denotes a loud, commanding tone

Orchestral = indicates that the stop is voiced to imitate an orchestral instrument (although usually much louder than the actual orchestral instrument it is intended to imitate)

Phonon = loud, round-toned sound

Rohr = a small cylindrical tube ("chimney") placed atop an otherwise capped pipe, for the purpose of allowing a few of the even-numbered harmonics to sound along with the stronger odds

Sonora = loud and assertive

Sordo = soft or muted stop

Spitz = indicates a conical shaped pipe. This shape places more power in the lower train of harmonics, gradually dampening the upper harmonics but without totally destroying them. (French=conique; English=Cone)

Sub = indicates pitch one octave below unison (16' for manuals, 32' for pedals)

Super = indicates pitch one octave above the **octave** (2' manual pitch or 4' pedal pitch)

Zauber = indicates both harmonic and stoppered

Bibliography: **Dictionary of Pipe Organ Stops** by Stevens Irwin

online: **Encyclopedia of Organ Stops** <http://www.organstops.org/index.html> (Contains many sound bytes also) **highly recommended!**