

OWNER'S MANUAL



"*Holiday*" model



LOWREY ORGAN



To get the most from your Lowrey, to fully enjoy its great musical possibilities, we sincerely urge you to read this manual carefully. Certain sections will warrant re-reading several times as your musical ability increases. The time you spend will repay you a hundred-fold in additional pleasure, enjoyment and satisfaction.

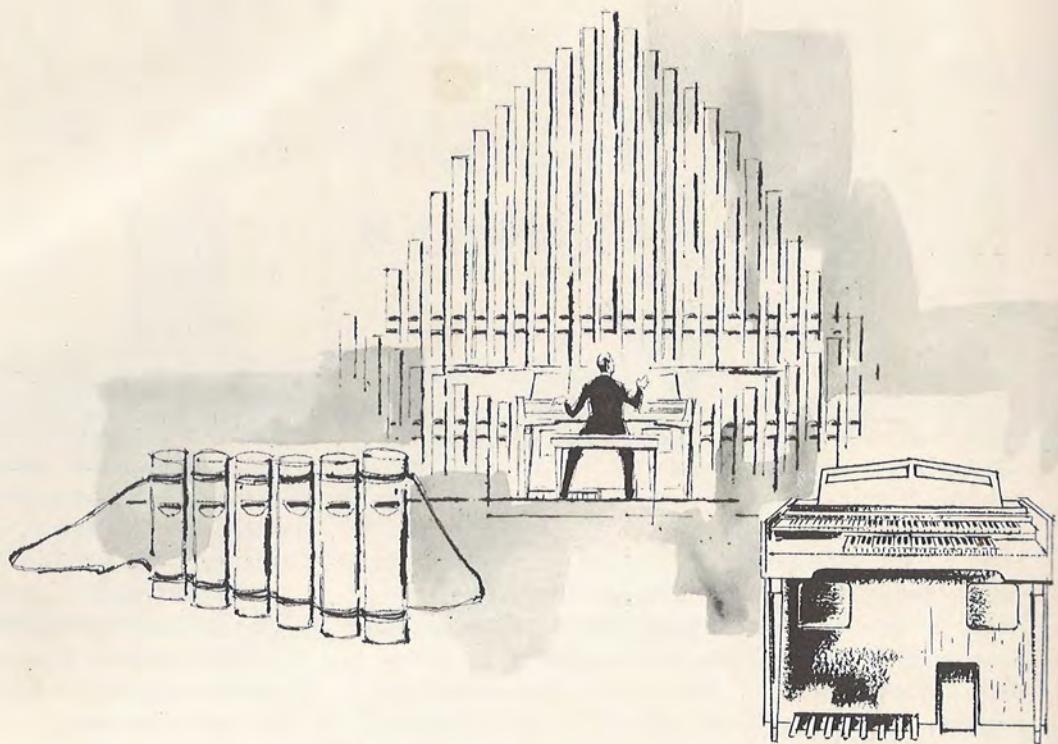
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The Lowrey Organ is guaranteed to be free from defective material and workmanship and the manufacturer agrees to remedy any such defects, or to furnish a new part in exchange for any part of its manufacture which under normal installation, use and service discloses such defect, provided the instrument is delivered by the owner to us or the authorized dealer from whom the instrument was purchased, intact for our examination, with all transportation charges prepaid to our factory, within one year from the date of sale to the original purchaser, and provided such examination discloses in our judgment that it is defective.

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## a story of the past

Well over two thousand years ago the first organ pipes were developed. Through the centuries the organ grew in versatility—but it also grew in size, in weight and in cost. By the end of the 19th century some organs had as many as six—and even seven keyboards (manuals).

Not many years ago, only a few of the wealthiest

families were able to build a small organ into their homes. It was not until recent years that a spinet organ was available for the home. But thanks to modern science, you now have a spinet organ. This truly remarkable electronic instrument has solved the three problems of enormous cost, excessive space required and tremendous weight.

## a few words about the LOWREY organ

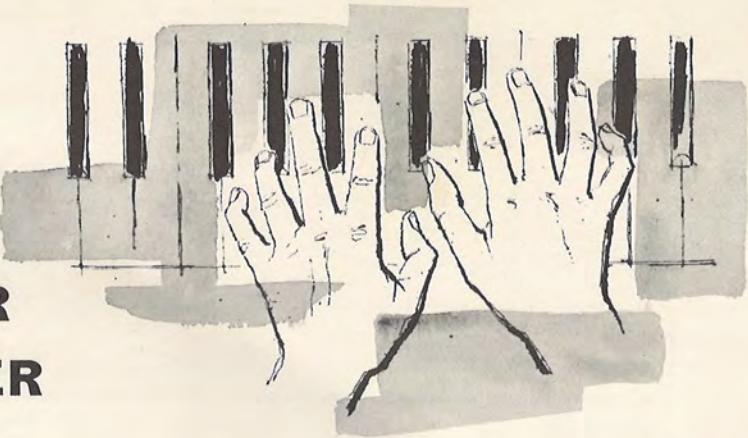
Since 1894 Lowrey has spent many pioneering years in the research and development of fine organ tone. Some work was done as early as 1910 and, beginning in 1918, a great deal of research went into several types of electric generators. With the advent of the electronic vacuum tube, Lowrey began in 1928 to develop what later became known as an "electronic" organ.

Through the 1930's and 1940's many different generating systems were developed, some of them which are now being used by other companies. These were all abandoned by Lowrey in favor of the new "Eccles-

Jordan" circuit, which today is the most advanced and stable circuit in the industry. Thus, your Lowrey is different than any other organ in that it starts with the odd harmonics of a clarinet tone, and as a result can produce not only good reed tones but also clear, clean flute tones and fine string tones, rich in harmonics.

The Lowrey was not an "over-night" discovery. The many pioneering years spent in organ research and development have resulted in the creation, design and manufacture of a high quality, dependable organ which is considered as an outstanding achievement.

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or BEGINNER**

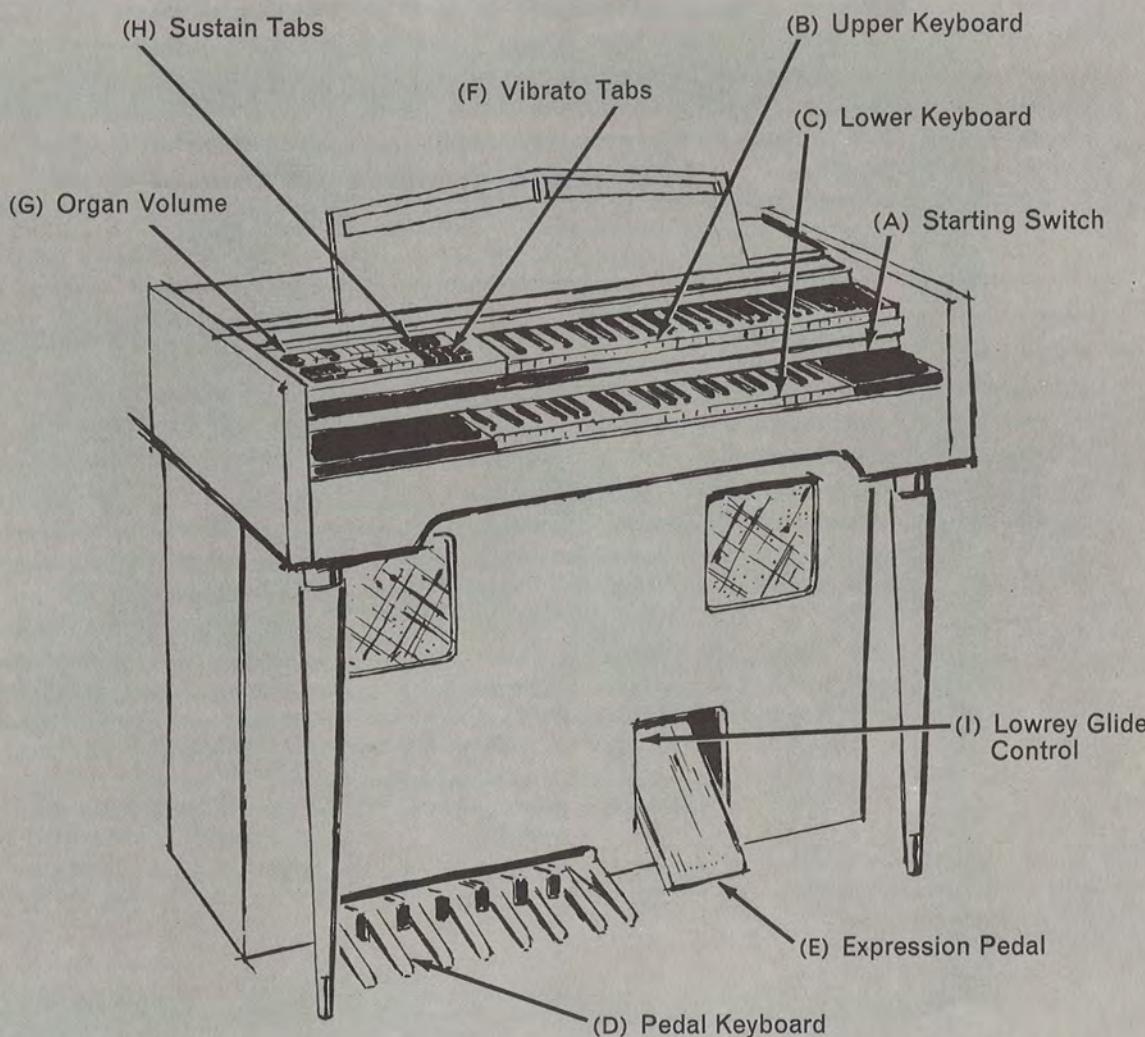


If you have had experience with an acceptable organ, you will be familiar with the strange words of "stops"—"footages"—"solo"—"sustain," etc. Thus, you will **instantly** feel very much "at home" with your Lowrey "Holiday."

If you have had experience with a keyboard instrument but not with the organ, you will want to read all that follows. The organ is different than other keyboard instruments, since it encompasses practically every field of tone and has a greater dynamic range than any other musical instrument. If you wish to purchase organ music, you will find that there is a vast quantity of Lowrey organ music available from

most music dealers. When inquiring about music, be sure to ask for Lowrey organ music.

With the wealth of fine Lowrey organ methods that are available today, everybody can play the Lowrey Organ (even though you have never played a note before). May we also refer you to the exclusive Lowrey "Minit-Music" method—available only to purchasers of the Lowrey Organ. After you are playing your favorite melodies, either with "Minit-Music" or with any other organ method, you will enjoy many countless hours at your Lowrey Holiday with all of its vast resources.



Solo 16'	Trom- bone 16'	Flute 16'	Solo 8'	Flute 8'	Clari- net 8'	Trumpet 8'	String 8'	Solo 4'	Flute 4'	Med. Sust. Long	Off Manual Sust. On	Solo 5½	Quint. 5½
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Normal	Off	16'-8'	Soft	Pedal	Solo 8'	French Horn 8'	Cornet 8'	Dia- Pason 8'	Viola 8'	Slow	Light	Off	Off
Organ Volume	Pedal Sust.	Pedal	Pedal	Pedal	Solo 8'	French Horn 8'	Cornet 8'	Dia- Pason 8'	Viola 8'	Vibrato	Vibrato	Vibrato	Upper to Lower 8'-4'
Solo	On	8'	Med.	Full						Fast	Heavy	On	On

## controls and their operation

Just to make sure you understand the basic parts of your Lowrey "Holiday," carefully read each of the following paragraphs with the organ in view. A good knowledge of your instrument and what it can do will assure you of greater ease in playing it, and thus greater satisfaction and enjoyment.

**(a) Starting Switch.** This "On-Off Switch" to the right of the lower keyboard controls the entire organ. It will "warm up" in about fifteen seconds, but a few seconds additional time may be required for the vibrato section to take effect.

**(b) Upper Keyboard.** This is the Upper or "Swell Manual." Generally, it is played with the right hand, but many times it is played with both hands or just the left hand alone. The stop tabs in the top row control the tones for this Upper Manual and they may be played singly or in any combination. They are called "Stops" because they stop the particular voice when the tab is in the "Off" position. That is, when they are horizontal. Tilting the tab forward "turns on" that particular voice. Notice how easy it is to quickly select the voice or voices you desire.

**(c) Lower Keyboard.** This is known as the Lower or "Great Manual." Although the left hand is generally used on this manual, there are many occasions when both hands are used or just the right hand alone. The stops which affect the lower Manual only are those in the lower row—the black Solo 8' through and including the Viola 8'.

**(d) Pedal Keyboard.** Note that you have a full octave of thirteen pedal keys, the equivalent of 16'-8' and 8' pipes, from C through C an octave above. The tones from these pedal keys add a rhythm, or in faster or popular music, a "beat." Thus, as in an orchestra,

while the pedals keep a rhythm, one hand can play the melody and the other hand can add an accompaniment. As you listen to an orchestra, generally you will hear these three "levels" of music.

**(e) Expression Pedal.** As with all organs and unlike the piano, there is no way to control volume or get "expression" from the keyboard. Therefore, the Expression Pedal, operated by the right foot, permits you to change the volume from loud to soft—just as a singer varies the volume or his voice or as an orchestra changes the amount of sound it produces.

**(f) Vibrato Tabs.** These are the three black tabs to the right in the bottom row. They permit you to add "waving" effects to all types of music. Their convenient location and ease of operation will enable you to add an amazing variety to your music.

**(g) Organ Volume.** This tab controls the overall volume of both manuals and the pedalboard. This will be discussed at greater length under the heading of "Mechanical Stops."

**(h) Sustain Tabs.** The two red Manual Sustain tabs in the upper manual section, as well as the "Pedal Sustain" tabs in the lower section will be covered completely under the heading of "Mechanical Stops" further in this manual.

**(i) Glide Control.** This innovation is exclusive with Lowrey Organs—no other instrument offers this wonderful feature. It helps to complete the illusion of the guitar, trombone, trumpet and strings as they are played in an orchestra. For those who are not too familiar with organ, we suggest that this control, mounted to the left of the Expression Pedal, not be used until some degree of familiarity with the instrument has been developed.

SOLO 16'	TROM- BONE 16'	FLUTE 16'	SOLO 8'	FLUTE 8'	CLARI- NET 8'	TRUMPET 8'	STRING 8'	SOLO 4'	FLUTE 4'	MED. MANUAL SUST.	OFF MANUAL SUST.	SOLO 5½'	QUINT. 5½'
NORMAL ORGAN VOLUME SOLO	OFF PEDAL SUST. ON	16'-8' PEDAL 8'	SOFT PEDAL MED	SOLO 8' FULL	FRENCH HORN 8'	CORNET 8'	DIA- PASON 8'	VIOLA 8'	SLOW VIBRATO FAST	LIGHT VIBRATO HEAVY	OFF VIBRATO ON	OFF UPPER TO LOWER 8'-4'	ON

## STOP TABS

### and what they mean

Originally, the word "stop" in a pipe organ referred to a control which "stopped" the wind to a specific group of pipes. Later, it signified a set of pipes for the whole manual, one pipe for each key all of which produced the same tone color. With the developments in the 20th century, organs now have two classes of stops—"speaking" stops which bring forth the actual voices or tones; and "mechanical" stops which by themselves produce no tone but create different effects on the individual speaking stops. If this sounds somewhat confusing we suggest that you reread this paragraph so that you know the difference between the two types of stops.

In this section we will first cover the speaking stops so that you will know something about the history and use of each one. Following this, each of the mechanical stops will be covered in detail.

#### SPEAKING STOPS OR VOICES

If you are not familiar with the many stops in the vast field of organ terminology, the subject must appear confusing. However, it is really quite simple. All stops fall into one of four families known as Flute, String, Reed and Diapason. In the bottom row of tabs is the Diapason 8', and in addition, various Diapasons can be created by combinations of other stops. For example, add more String or Reed tones for a more "biting" Diapason, or Flutes for a softer Diapason.

Flute tones may be described as full and round, very mellow and with practically no overtones. The opposite are the string tones which have a vibrant, keen quality that in certain voices can be biting or harsh—they often resemble the string instruments in an orchestra. The reed tones defy description as a group because there are so many varieties—some are close to the flute in their tone while others will closely resemble the string tone.

#### FOOTAGE

On your Lowrey each voice is marked with a "footage" designation such as 16', 8', 4', and 5½'. These are so marked because this is the organist's unit of measure. So you can quickly understand this subject, just consider an 8' group of pipes as the basic pitch. It is called 8' because the longest pipe (the lowest tone) in this group is 8' high in a pipe organ. As we go up the scale, each pipe becomes progressively

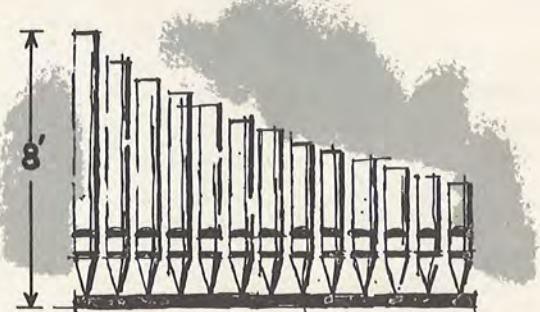


shorter—however, each pipe in the series is referred to by the actual length of the longest pipe even though the rest of them are smaller. So, although there are no bulky, space-consuming pipes in the modern and versatile Lowrey organ, the stops are marked in "footages" for your convenience.

Now, turn on the 8' Flute for the Upper Manual. Middle C is the lowest C on the manual. Press this key and you will hear the 8' voice. Holding the same key if you now add the 4' Flute you also hear a "tone" exactly one octave higher in pitch. If you add the 16' Flute, you now hear a third tone one octave lower in pitch than the 8' voice. When you add the Quint 5½' you will hear the G immediately above middle C. With these four tabs in the "on" position you will hear four tones and in the organist's language, you have "coupled" these four sets of pipes so that every time you press one key you will hear four tones. If you play a chord of four notes you will produce sixteen tones. This is what gives the organ its full body and richness of tone.

Just remember that 8' is the basic pitch. The 16' stop sounds one octave lower and the 4' stop sounds one octave higher. The Quint 5½' plays a fifth above which will be explained in detail under the discussion of that voice in the next section.

Pipe organists, who may not be familiar with the modern electronic "home" organ, might refer to the lower manual as the "Great" Manual. This is correct in pipe organs because the "Great" has more stops, footages and power than the upper or "Swell" Manual. However, all modern home organs have most of their voices on the upper or "Melody" manual so that it is easier to play all types of music, not just classical and religious.



#### TROMBONE 16' (Reed Family)

Principally, the function of this stop is similar to that of the bass trombone in an orchestra. However, to simulate the orchestral instrument, use a vibrato setting of Slow-Heavy and play on the Upper Manual in the lowest two and one-half octaves. Exclusive with the Lowrey, an unusual voice can be obtained over the entire manual when it is also combined with the Quint 5½' in any vibrato choice to suit the music.

#### FLUTE 16' (Flute Family)

Flute stops are essential to any competent organ. A good flute should be round and mellow, clear and clean without overtones or "fuzziness." A great deal of research has gone into the flutes of the Lowrey. You will enjoy the fine quality of this and the other flute stops since they add a "mellowness" which combines beautifully with all other stops on the manual.

Note: When playing a chord in the lowest octave of the upper manual and using just the 16' voices, you will hear only the lowest key depressed. This has been designed purposely to avoid any "muddiness" or distortion which would otherwise occur.

#### FLUTE 8' (Flute Family)

This stop is a companion to the Flute 16' but plays one octave higher. Of all the stops of the organ, the flutes lend themselves most readily and efficiently to effective registration, combining perfectly with the stops of every other tonality. This and the other 8' voices on the Upper Manual are purposely designed to repeat after the top E—thus, single notes should not be played beyond this point but of course, this does not apply to playing chords.

#### CLARINET 8' (Reed Family)

This is an excellent solo stop. When played without vibrato, it closely resembles the orchestral clarinet because it has a smooth, hollow, reed tone of great beauty. It not only possesses this richness of the orchestral clarinet but in the middle portion of the keyboard it is superior to the orchestral instrument, because it is less shrill. When combined with the Quint 5½', many unusual and "oriental" effects can be obtained. For related effects, it is desirable to also add the trumpet or string voices.

#### TRUMPET 8' (Reed Family)

A bright silvery voice with just sufficient brassiness to give it true character. When played as a solo in the middle register of the Upper Manual with a Slow-Heavy Vibrato, this stop to some extent produces the effect of an orchestral trumpet. Quite often, it is used to combine with other stops to give a brilliance to the

music being played. In such cases the addition of a Fast-Heavy Vibrato for popular music is most desirable.

#### STRING 8' (String Family)

This is a foundation stop which is appreciated by the pipe organist because of its delicate, silvery, singing quality. When played without a vibrato you will hear the rich harmonics of a fine pipe organ. With the Fast-Heavy Vibrato in the upper register, it closely resembles the fullness of an orchestral violin. By playing in the lower portion of the keyboard a viole effect can be obtained with the use of the Slow-Heavy Vibrato. In combination with other stops, this string tone adds a richness and brilliance to the tone quality.

#### FLUTE 4' (Flute Family)

This stop is typical of the Lowrey's clear, clean flutes and is the "little brother" of the 16' and 8' Flute stops previously discussed. It plays one octave higher than the 8' Flute and two octaves higher than the 16' Flute. It is effective up to and including "E" in the top octave but is purposely designed not to be played as a solo beyond this point. When played with sustain and without vibrato, you can obtain Celeste and bell-like tones; also a brightness and keen quality when combined with other stops.

#### QUINT 5½' (Flute Family)

This stop should never be played alone. The reason is that it produces a tone "a fifth" above the key which is struck. In other words, when you press a "C" only the "G" will be heard—if you press a "D" only the "A" will be heard. The top three keys purposely produce no sound. The stop is a "must" on all fine organs because in combination with other stops, it adds a richness called "tone coloring." When combined with the 16' Flute, the basic quality of a "flute organ" will be heard. In combination with other stops where the Quint 5½' can still predominate, it lends an oriental atmosphere to any melody. Continued experiment with this stop will determine its best uses to satisfy your particular taste and style of playing.

#### FRENCH HORN 8' (Reed Family)

This stop can be used with the Solo 8' to play either melody or counter-melody on the Lower Manual. Without a vibrato it closely resembles the orchestral instrument. It has been made a part of the Lowrey since in recent years, the French Horn has become a very important part of many expensive organs. It should be used frequently as the accompaniment for softer voices and combinations of the Upper Manual.

### CORNET 8' (Reed Family)

This voice has powerful and dominating tones and will become the delight of the organist in his registrations, forming with stops of all tonalities combinations of rare beauty and charm.

### DIAPASON 8' (Diapason Family)

The Diapason's tone has always been, and always will be, the unique and special glory of the organ. It has a full, round, and dignified tone giving a foundation on which to build compound tones of surpassing grandeur and beauty.

### VIOLA 8' (String Family)

The full and rich tones of the Viola 8' will impart strength and color to every combination that it is used with—creating valuable tonal colorings. For a good "cello" solo in the lower section of the keyboard, use single notes only, the Slow-Heavy Vibrato and the Solo 8' tab.



### PEDALS

#### PEDAL 16'-8' and 8' (Flute Family)

Both 16'-8' and 8' pitches are available on the 13 note pedal keyboard of your Lowrey Holiday. (The black tab located third from the left in the bottom row of tabs.) These clear, resonant pedal tones provide the rich string bass effect that gives depth and foundation to the music you play. Either of these pitches can be used. The judgment is left entirely to the discretion of the player, based upon his style and the music.

In addition, there are three settings of pedal intensity—soft, medium and full. This versatile arrangement offers the equivalent of 6 individual pedal stops to balance properly to any combination of manual keyboard voices. A complete description of these tabs is discussed on page 7.

### MECHANICAL STOPS

#### VIBRATO

This interesting and appealing variation is controlled by the three black tabs at the right end of the bottom row. They create the wavering effect which you notice most in the violin, the cello and other string instruments. Listen to a singer and you will hear the same vibrato. However, the "speed" of the vibrato (waves per second) varies with the instrument or voice. So does the "depth" which is the extent of the vibrato above or below the accurate pitch. Some instruments have a great deal of vibrato—others have very little—some have none.

With the right hand vibrato tab in the "Off" position, it makes no difference what is "set up" on the other two. The tone will resemble that of a pipe organ which obviously adapts music played in this way to many religious selections as well as some classical music. (However, since music is an expression of a composer's or musician's feelings, there is no positive rule for the use of vibrato.)

Here is the first effect. With the three vibrato tabs off, hold a tone. Then turn the right hand tab to the "On" position. You are now using a "Slow-Light" Vibrato which is ideal for offertories and voluntaries in church music and is used frequently for operatic, light classical, and some ballad selections.

Second, (holding the same tone) move the left-hand tab from Slow to Fast. Now you have a "Fast-Light" Vibrato which can be used for almost any type of music.

For a third vibrato, move the center tab from Light to Heavy. Now, all three tabs are in the "on" position so you have a "Fast-Heavy" Vibrato. This is used to a great extent for ballad and popular music. The string voices sound unusually rich and full when this vibrato is used. Unusual "Theater Organ" effects can be obtained when using the flute stops.

For the fourth vibrato combination, move the left hand tab to the Slow position. This Slow-Heavy combination is used less frequently than any of the others but it does have a desirability for Trombone, Trumpet and for solo Cello and Hawaiian effects. This unusual vibrato is applied differently by different musicians.



Note that this simple tab arrangement will permit you to vary your music frequently while you play. Sometimes you will use a particular vibrato for only a few measures—or, by just turning the right-hand tab to Off, you suddenly have no vibrato and after playing four or eight measures, you can easily go back to the previous vibrato.

In summary then, change the vibratos frequently and you will never have the feeling that your music is becoming monotonous. This is the "seasoning" which you can add to make your music just that much more delightful. When you see other organs, note how superior your Lowrey is, even in instruments that cost a great deal more.

#### SOLO 16', 8', 4', 5½'

These five solo tabs are another feature originated

and developed by Lowrey engineers which will make you both happy and proud that you have selected a Lowrey organ. They produce no sound in themselves but they are probably the most valuable tabs at your finger tips, because they greatly multiply the number of voice combinations from your instrument.

The Solo 8' in the Lower Manual increases the volume of any or all of the five Lower Manual voices. For example, you may find that a solo melody of single notes in the left hand (or just staccato chords) may not be loud enough. Without adding more voices but just by turning on the Solo 8', the volume of the notes played on the lower keyboard will increase and offer the proper contrast to the voices on the upper manual.

Generally, voice combinations are set up for the Upper Manual without any of the solo tabs. Try this by setting up the four flute voices of 16', 8', 4' and Quint 5 $\frac{1}{3}$ '. Now, if you wish to emphasize the lower end of this combination, turn on the 16' Solo. By the same token, the 8' Solo brings out the middle range and the 4' Solo emphasizes the higher range. The coloring quality of the Quint 5 $\frac{1}{3}$ ' is accentuated by the use of its solo tab. In other words, these four solos **double** the number of upper manual voices. Each of the light voices is a soft voice and by applying a solo, you then make it a loud voice.

Remember this. If a selection is played on both manuals and you feel that the volume intensity of one manual should be increased, there is no need to add more voices as you would have to do on other instruments. Merely turn on a solo tab or two of your choice and you suddenly lift the melody so it stands out just like a solo instrument in an orchestra. However, do not use all the Upper Manual solo tabs at the same time. The terrific volume increase would only overpower the pedals, cause distortion and possibly abuse the speaker.

When solo stops are not used in either manual you have thousands of tonal combinations which, like other organs, can be arrived at purely by the use of the voice tabs. However, by adding the various solos, you bring into play **additional** thousands of combinations which will make your music just that much more enjoyable and interesting.

No other comparable instrument offers you this "solo" method of easily and simply selecting so many additional tonal combinations.

#### **COUPLER—Upper to Lower 8'—4'**

The red tab at the extreme right of the bottom row of tabs will couple any combination of the 8' and 4' Upper Manual voices to the Lower Manual. This tab is colored red to show you that it is associated with all the solid red tabs above as well as with the white tabs printed in red. Turn on any of the red tabs for the Upper Manual—then, holding a key on the Lower Manual, turn on the "coupler." You will notice that you get the same voice and effect of the Upper Manual.

Only a few of the multiple uses for this tab are suggested below. You might wish to accompany the Flute 8' on the Upper Manual with the same voice on the Lower Manual. This would also be true of the Manual Sustain tabs which control the four 8' voices, the one 4' voice and of course, the two red solos of the Upper Manual.

If you have a combination of 16', 8', 4' and Quint 5 $\frac{1}{3}$ ' voices with Sustain on the Upper Manual, you can couple down only the 8' and 4' voices to the Lower Manual for a complete sustain effect below. Also, just as you are able to get a combination of staccato and sustain voices on the Upper Manual, so you can get the same effect on the Lower Manual. For example, using a sustained Flute 8' and Flute 16' on the Upper Manual and coupled to the Lower Manual, add the Solo 8' and French Horn 8' to the Lower Manual. You now have a registration which will permit staccato chords on the Lower Manual with some "reverberation" coming from the Upper Manual.

Remember—the Upper to Lower 8'-4' tab will not couple down any of the 16' or Quint 5 $\frac{1}{3}$ ' voices.

#### **PEDAL—Soft, Medium, Full**

These two white tabs in the bottom row control the volume of the 13 pedal keys played with both feet. With both tabs in the "off" position you will have a small degree of pedal volume—hold a pedal note and place the expression pedal part way down. Now, turn the left hand tab to the Medium (Med.) position—and finally turn on the "Full" tab. Here you notice three different degrees of volume or pedal intensity.

For soft classical or liturgical music where there is no definite rhythm, the pedal setting should probably be soft. With a rhythm tune like a waltz or a popular song, you may wish to use the Medium intensity and as you add voices to both manuals and increase the volume from the keyboards, you will probably then wish to use a Full pedal volume.

As you play different selections you will sense the necessity for more or less pedal volume and will soon become accustomed to making the various changes.

#### **PEDAL SUSTAIN**

No other instrument offers you the wonderful Lowrey electronic pedal sustain. Using no pedal sustain and the loud pedal volume, press a pedal key several times. Note how the pedal thumps or beats. This is fine for rhythm and popular melodies for dancing. Now, turn "on" the pedal sustain and listen to the tone hang for a fraction of a second. For ballads and romantic tunes this is ideal. The pedal sustain lends an even greater smoothness to such music as religious, semi-classical and "listening" selections. The Lowrey pedal sustain thus eliminates the need for large pedal keys which must be played by a "heel-and-toe" method. You will find also that when the pedals are played rapidly, each pedal key pressed will "ground out" or cancel the previous tone.

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Organ Volume	Pedal Sust.	Pedal	Pedal	Pedal	Solo	Horn	Cornet	Dia- Pason	Viola	Vibrato	Vibrato	Vibrato	Vibrato	On

## ORGAN VOLUME

Although your Lowrey Holiday Organ is a spinet in size, it has a great deal more versatility to offer than organs which cost much, much more! In many respects your Lowrey is like a pipe organ since the volume keeps building as voice after voice is added to the manuals. Therefore, it has been equipped with this stop to govern the overall volume of the entire instrument including both manuals and pedals.

When you play with just one or a few stops, you will prefer to have this control in the Solo position. When you use many tabs on both manuals (which requires increasing the pedal volume as well), you will undoubtedly prefer to place this control in the Normal position. With just a moderate amount of stops for both manuals and pedals, the control can be in either position as your judgement dictates.

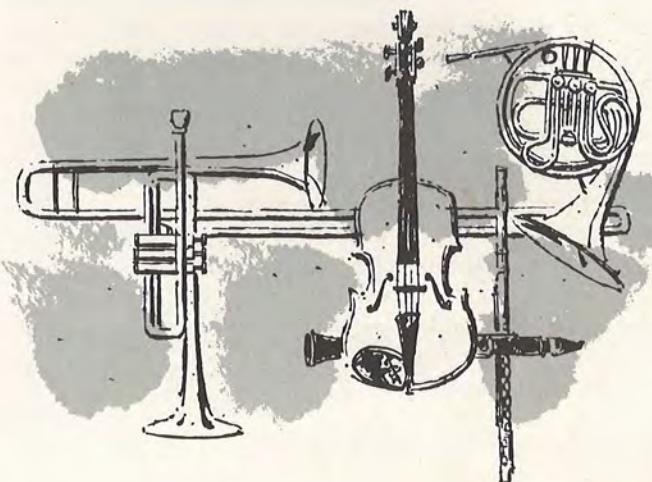
Remember just one thing. This is an **overall** volume control so when you feel the output of the organ is too loud or distorted, place it in the Normal position. When you play with just a few voices, you will then wish to place it in the Solo position.

## MANUAL SUSTAIN

These are the two red tabs to the right in the upper row of stops—they control the four 8' voices, the one 4' voice and of course, the two red solos of the Upper Manual. For your convenience, this section is marked "percussion"; the voice tabs are printed in red and the mechanical Solo stops are solid red. Turning both of the sustain tabs on will cause the 8' and 4' Upper Manual voices to die away over a period of about two seconds after a key is released. By turning the left hand tab to Medium, there is a sustain which lasts about one second. These two tabs can create many different instrumental effects which will be described later. However, the wide scope of this manual sustain does not stop here.

Reverberation of a most authentic nature can be obtained with your new Lowrey Holiday. Use any selection of 16', 8' and 4' stops and play something in the conventional organ manner. As with any organ if acoustics are poor (due to smallness of the room, carpeting, draperies, and other factors which deaden sound) the resulting organ tone will seem suppressed and restricted in its tonal quality. Then, introduce the "Medium" Manual Sustain and later the "Long" Sustain. You will notice that the walls of the room seem to "disappear" because you have added a natural reverberation which normally could come only from a large vaulted chamber or auditorium with hard floors, walls and ceiling where the sound would echo and so improve the tones produced. Your new Lowrey will sound beautiful no matter how small or acoustically "dead" the room may be.

The many special effects which you can enjoy as a result of the Lowrey percussion system will be covered in detail at the end of the next section on "Registration."



## registrations

If you have absorbed the material in the previous pages, you should have a fairly clear understanding of the various terms used by the organist as well as a knowledge of many organ stops. You are now in a position to absorb knowledge of organ "registration."

To begin with, organ registration is nothing more than selecting and combining various voices of an organ so a desired effect is produced when the music is played. Actually, the word "registration" is the same thing to organ music that "orchestration" is to orchestral music. Keep in mind the stops of an organ are to the organist what the palette is to the painter—they each have colors to mix and the final result is dependent upon the ability to understand the individual colors with which they work.

Beyond that, all a person needs when playing an organ is a personal taste and imagination. Just as a painter may have a fine knowledge of colors, and yet be a poor painter because of lack of imagination when using those colors—so may a performer be familiar with music, and yet not please his audience because of his lack of imagination when using the voices.

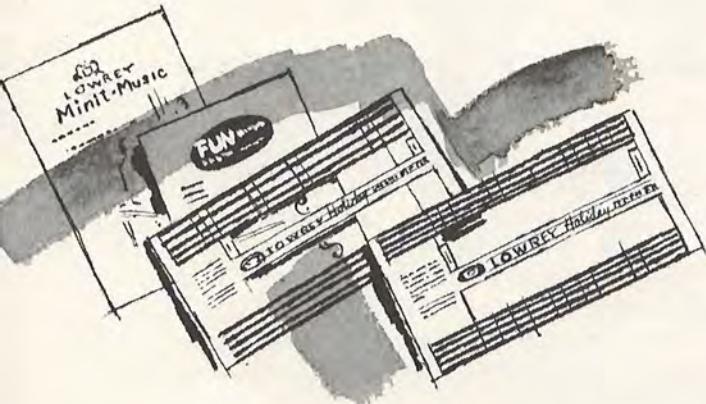
One more thing. Unless a person is a "sound engineer" one room may look about the same as another—however, the acoustics may be very different. Any instrument or voice, particularly an organ, will sound much different in a large room than a small room. Generally, in a large room, an organ sounds better—but if the room is heavily draped, fully carpeted and contains a lot of furniture (people too) the result will

appear muffled or "dead."

Placement of the organ in the room is also very important. There is no way to determine this in advance—only through experiment can the best results be obtained. It will sound better in one place than it will in another—actually it should face an open area so that the sound will not be restricted. Therefore, a particular tab arrangement might sound a little differently if the organ is moved about the room or particularly if it is moved to another room. Avoid if possible, acoustic tile on walls and ceiling, drapes, carpeting and other materials which will absorb sound.

With this understanding, the following registrations are merely "suggested." You will notice they are quite different and you should consider them as basic—in other words try them but undoubtedly you will wish to make some changes to fit the particular selections which you play. Also, you may use several different registrations for one selection because you may play it in various ways and thus create different effects.

Above all, remember this—there is no one prescribed tonal combination for any selection of music. As a master chef seasons a fine dinner because he knows what to use and how to use it—or as an artist mixes his colors in just the right amounts,—so you can blend the many fine voices and different effects of the Lowrey Holiday Organ. Through experiment and a good knowledge of the stop tabs, gained from the previous pages, you can suit your own musical taste and meet the need or mood of any occasion.



The Lowrey Registration Guides in your Holiday Owners Envelope will instantly and visually show you many thrilling percussion effects such as guitar, vibraphone, banjo; a host of popular music effects: theatre organ, oriental, string bass—and of course, the reverent church qualities which are inherent in every Lowrey organ.

"Fun With The Lowrey Organ," also in your owners envelope, is arranged to acquaint you with the magnificent solo voices, a number of the amazing percussion tones, and unusual special effects that are available only on your Holiday. In addition, suggested registrations are shown on the following pages to help you create many other beautiful tones and special combinations for your favorite ballads, hits of the day and the timeless classics.

**suggested  
registrations**

**POPULAR**

SOLO 16'	TROM- BONE 16'	FLUTE 16'	SOLO 8'	FLUTE 8'	CLARI- NET 8'	TRUMPET 8'	STRING 8'	SOLO 4'	FLUTE 4'	MED. LONG	OFF ON	MANUAL SUST.	MANUAL SUST.	SOLO 5½	QUINT. 5½
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**POPULAR I**

NORMAL	OFF	16'-8'	SOFT	PEDAL	PEDAL	SOLO 8'	FRENCH HORN 8'	CORNET 8'	DIA- PASON 8'	SLOW	LIGHT	OFF	OFF
ORGAN VOLUME	PEDAL SUST.	PEDAL	PEDAL	PEDAL	PEDAL	SOLO 8'	FRENCH HORN 8'	CORNET 8'	VIOLA 8'	VIBRATO	VIBRATO	VIBRATO	VIBRATO

In your Lowrey Minit-Music, turn to "Auld Lang Syne." Play the right hand on the upper manual, with the left hand on the lower manual.

SOLO 16'	TROM- BONE 16'	FLUTE 16'	SOLO 8'	FLUTE 8'	CLARI- NET 8'	TRUMPET 8'	STRING 8'	SOLO 4'	FLUTE 4'	MED. LONG	OFF ON	MANUAL SUST.	MANUAL SUST.	SOLO 5½	QUINT. 5½
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**POPULAR II**

NORMAL	OFF	16'-8'	SOFT	PEDAL	PEDAL	SOLO 8'	FRENCH HORN 8'	CORNET 8'	DIA- PASON 8'	SLOW	LIGHT	OFF	OFF
ORGAN VOLUME	PEDAL SUST.	PEDAL	PEDAL	PEDAL	PEDAL	SOLO 8'	FRENCH HORN 8'	CORNET 8'	VIOLA 8'	VIBRATO	VIBRATO	VIBRATO	VIBRATO

Turn to "Swanee River" in your Lowrey Minit-Music. Play the right hand on the upper manual with a light quick touch. The left hand is on the lower manual and the pedal is touched lightly.

SOLO 16'	TROM- BONE 16'	FLUTE 16'	SOLO 8'	FLUTE 8'	CLARI- NET 8'	TRUMPET 8'	STRING 8'	SOLO 4'	FLUTE 4'	MED. LONG	OFF ON	MANUAL SUST.	MANUAL SUST.	SOLO 5½	QUINT. 5½
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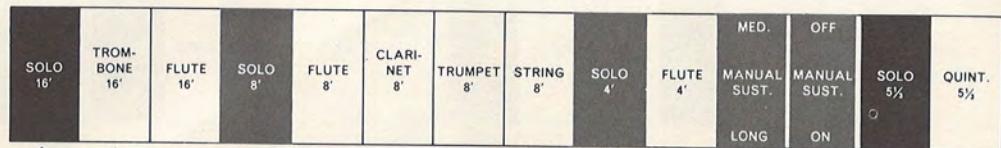
**POPULAR III**

NORMAL	OFF	16'-8'	SOFT	PEDAL	PEDAL	SOLO 8'	FRENCH HORN 8'	CORNET 8'	DIA- PASON 8'	SLOW	LIGHT	OFF	OFF
ORGAN VOLUME	PEDAL SUST.	PEDAL	PEDAL	PEDAL	PEDAL	SOLO 8'	FRENCH HORN 8'	CORNET 8'	VIOLA 8'	VIBRATO	VIBRATO	VIBRATO	VIBRATO

In your Lowrey Minit-Music, turn to "Aloha Oe." Play the right hand with a light quick touch on the upper manual, with the left hand on the lower manual. Or if you like, the left hand may be played on the lower manual with the chords 'rolled' by adding the Upper to Lower 8'-4' tab. Use the Lowrey Glide occasionally, pressing the Glide control just before playing the note.

## suggested registrations

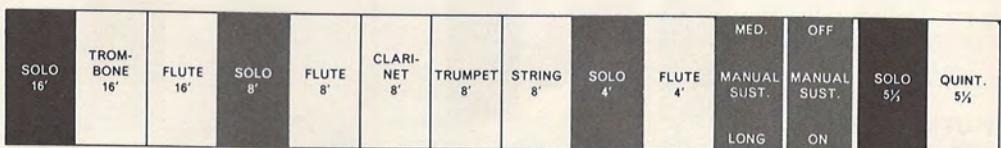
## BALLADS



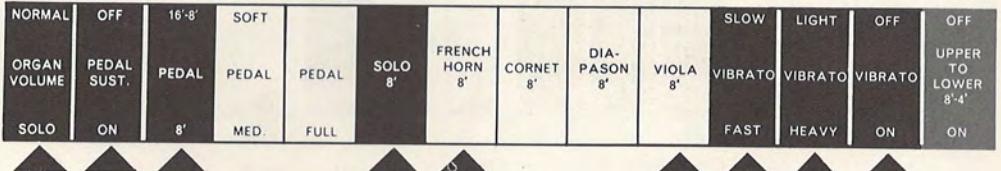
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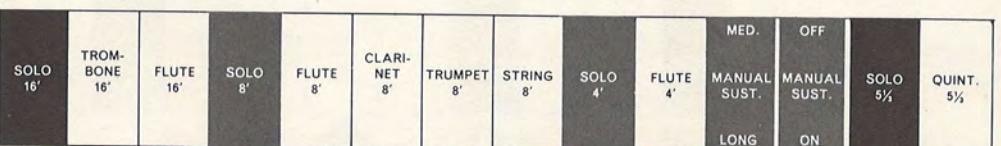
In your Lowrey Minit-Music, turn to "Long, Long Ago." Play the right hand on the upper manual, with the left hand on the lower manual.



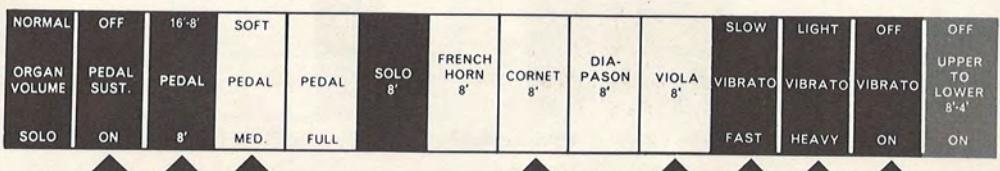
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In the Lowrey Minit-Music, turn to "Lullaby" (Cradle Song). Play the right hand on the upper manual, with the left hand on the lower manual.



### BALLAD III



For additional registrations to your Minit-Music, as well as other Lowrey music, see the PERCUSSION and POPULAR MUSIC Lowrey Registration Guides.

## suggested registrations

## CLASSICAL

Solo 16'	Trom- bone 16'	Flute 16'	Solo 8'	Flute 8'	Clari- net 8'	Trumpet 8'	String 8'	Solo 4'	Flute 4'	Med. long	Off on	Manual sust.	Manual sust.	Solo 5½	Quint. 5½
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### CLASSICAL I

Normal	Off	16'-8'	Soft	Pedal	Pedal	Solo 8'	French horn 8'	Cornet 8'	Dia- pason 8'	Viola 8'	Slow	Light	Off	Upper to lower 8'-4'
Organ volume	Pedal sust.	Pedal 8'	Med.	Full							Fast	Heavy	Vibrato on	

Now turn to "America" in your Lowrey Minit-Music. Play the right hand on the upper manual, with the left hand on the lower manual.

Solo 16'	Trom- bone 16'	Flute 16'	Solo 8'	Flute 8'	Clari- net 8'	Trumpet 8'	String 8'	Solo 4'	Flute 4'	Med. long	Off on	Manual sust.	Manual sust.	Solo 5½	Quint. 5½
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### CLASSICAL II

Normal	Off	16'-8'	Soft	Pedal	Pedal	Solo 8'	French horn 8'	Cornet 8'	Dia- pason 8'	Viola 8'	Slow	Light	Off	Upper to lower 8'-4'
Organ volume	Pedal sust.	Pedal 8'	Med.	Full							Fast	Heavy	Vibrato on	

Turn to "Silent Night" in the Lowrey Minit-Music. Play the right hand on the upper manual, with the left hand on the lower manual.

Solo 16'	Trom- bone 16'	Flute 16'	Solo 8'	Flute 8'	Clari- net 8'	Trumpet 8'	String 8'	Solo 4'	Flute 4'	Med. long	Off on	Manual sust.	Manual sust.	Solo 5½	Quint. 5½
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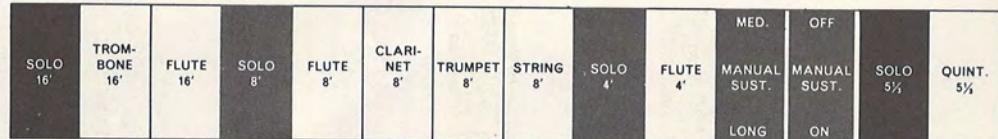
### CLASSICAL III

Normal	Off	16'-8'	Soft	Pedal	Pedal	Solo 8'	French horn 8'	Cornet 8'	Dia- pason 8'	Viola 8'	Slow	Light	Off	Upper to lower 8'-4'
Organ volume	Pedal sust.	Pedal 8'	Med.	Full							Fast	Heavy	Vibrato on	

In your Lowrey Minit-Music, turn to "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow." Play the right hand on the upper manual, with the left hand on the lower manual.

## suggested registrations

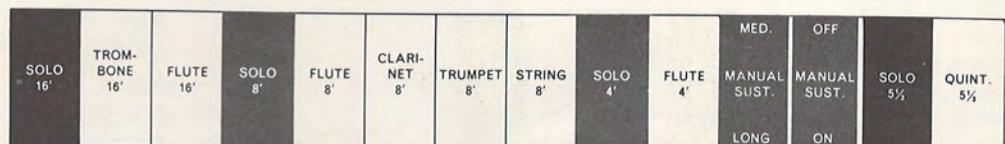
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### HYMNS I



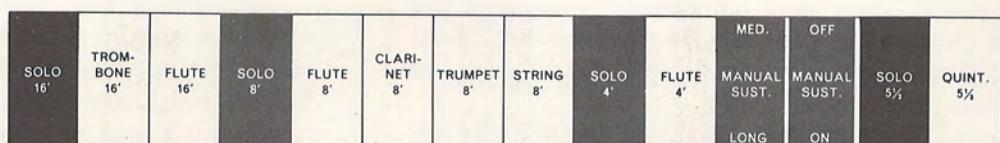
In your Lowrey Minit-Music, turn to "Rock Of Ages." Play the right hand on the upper manual, with the left hand on the lower manual.



### HYMNS II



In the Lowrey Minit-Music, turn to "Come Thou Almighty King." Play the right hand on the upper manual, with the left hand on the lower manual.

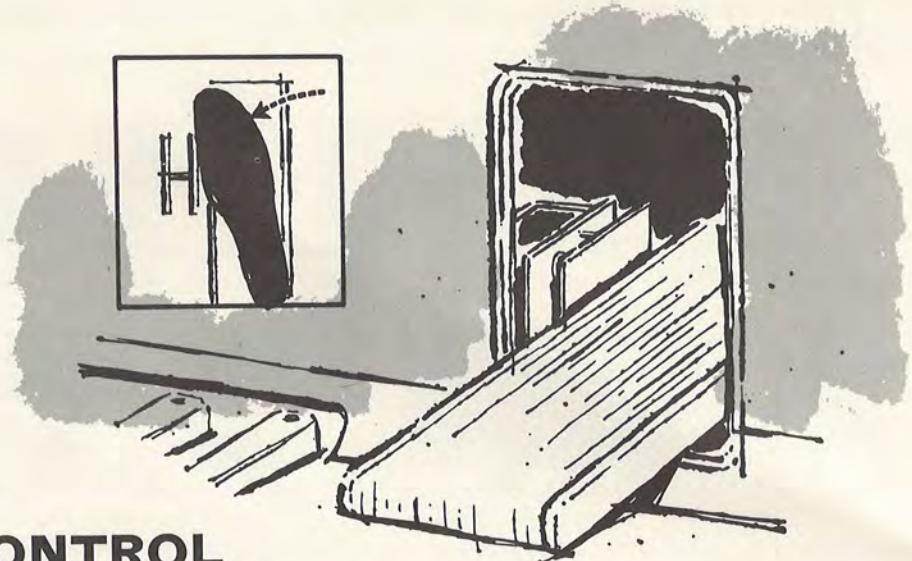


### HYMNS III



Try the suggested CHURCH MUSIC registrations found on your Lowrey Registration Guides.

## LOWREY GLIDE CONTROL



There are many reasons why your Lowrey is such a superior instrument. If you have carefully read the previous portions of this book, you are now aware of those many advantages. Once you feel you have obtained some familiarity with your new instrument, you are ready to move into the use of the **exclusive** Lowrey Glide Control.

Musicians everywhere—amateur, artist, and professional—all say that the exclusive Lowrey Glide Control is the greatest organ development in recent years. Some organists are not even aware that it is available; and not many realize the wonderful way in which it enhances the orchestral voices of the trombone, clarinet, trumpet, strings, flutes, etc.

The Lowrey Glide Control is located on the left side of the Expression Pedal. When pushed to the left by the inside of the right foot, the Glide Control will "flat" the entire instrument about a half tone and stop the vibrato almost completely. And, when the Glide Control is released by the foot, the instrument will "glide" back to its normal pitch and vibrato as determined by the stop tabs.

For the best playing technique, the Glide Control should be pressed with the foot at the **exact instant** certain keyboard notes are played—and then released at once. For example, start using the Glide Control by trying it with the Trombone 16' and a Slow-Heavy Vibrato. Play Tommy Dorsey's familiar "I'm Getting Sentimental Over You" with "glide," and you'll be able to duplicate that well-known trombone "smear." No other organ can do this!

Also, you can get a realistic string "glissando" by using the Lowrey Glide Control together with the String 8' of the Upper Manual, and the Fast-Heavy Vibrato. Try Victor Herbert's beautiful "Sympathy," or any other of your favorite violin selections. The Glide Control will supply the "glissando" of the strings. Adding the Manual Sustain will give the effect of "singing strings."

For Hawaiian guitar effects, you can use the Clarinet 8' with a Slow-Heavy Vibrato, the Flutes 8' or 4' with a Fast-Heavy Vibrato, or a combination of any of these tabs, with any Hawaiian selection of your choice. Be sure to use the Long Manual Sustain and play in a semi-staccato fashion. Press the "glide" the instant you strike a key. However, use it infrequently—do not abuse it by playing most notes with glide. The realism of this Hawaiian Guitar effect will amaze you.

Like anything new, a few minutes of practice are necessary for you to become adept with the Lowrey Glide Control. As time goes by, however, you will find more and more uses for it. Of course, your ability to use it will also improve. To quickly improve your use of the glide, listen carefully to records, radio and television. Pay particular attention to the way musicians play their various instruments.

Also, whenever you try these different effects with Glide Control, be sure to remember that it is important to select the correct vibrato. Making sure of this is just as important as selecting the proper individual voice tabs on the manual.

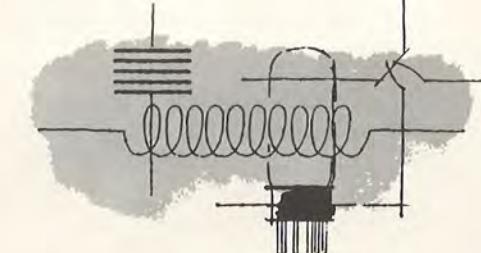
# electrical information

## TUNING

Lowrey's electronic circuits are very stable and the positively locked oscillator system was carefully tuned at the factory. However, if a special use requires a change in pitch of the entire organ, such as playing with a piano or other instrument not using the standard A-440 pitch, this can be accomplished in a few minutes with the Lowrey. We recommend that you contact your Lowrey dealer for this service. Do not tune until the organ has been on for about twenty minutes.

**MASTER VOLUME CONTROL** located on the tone generator chassis (see fig. 1) is used to set the volume to suit the room playing conditions (i.e. size, absorption, etc.). To reduce volume turn clockwise.

**NEVER PLUG THE ORGAN INTO A DC OUTLET—DAMAGE MAY RESULT.** The line cord from the rear of the Console MUST BE PLUGGED INTO STANDARD 110-120 Volt AC LINE. (If the power supplied in your area is other than 110-120 Volt AC, 50-60 cycles, be sure there is a notice on the back of the Console that corresponds to your special power requirements.) Normal voltage fluctuations won't affect



your Lowrey, although regulation by your electrician may be required if voltage goes above 125 or below 100 volts.

The "OFF-ON" switch is located to the right of the lower keyboard. The near-by pilot light indicates when the organ is "On." In extremely humid areas a special heater may be installed to protect against dampness. In order for this heater to operate, **keep the line cord plugged into the wall outlet at all times**—very little electricity is consumed. If you move to a humid climate, ask your local Lowrey dealer to install one of the special heaters in your Lowrey.

An **AUXILIARY SPEAKER CONNECTOR** is provided at the rear of the organ (see tube chart). The CONNECTOR is used for adding an external speaker—or another amplifier which in turn can drive an additional speaker or speakers. Impedance matching is not critical for normal use because additional distortion will not result except at extremely higher output levels.

The power amplifier consists of two push-pull 6V6GT tubes. Two 12" PM heavy duty speakers are used.

## check list

If your Lowrey Spinet becomes inoperative or does not function properly, first follow this simple step-by-step Check List before calling for service.

1. Make certain that the line cord is plugged into live AC outlet. Make sure the wall receptacle is not faulty. Hum from the speaker may be reduced by reversing the line-cord plug in the wall outlet.
2. Be sure the "Off-On" switch is on. Pilot light will indicate, but as these occasionally burn out, look through openings in back to make certain tubes are lighted.

**NOTE: Interlock**—the AC line cord connected to the organ back automatically disconnects the power supply when the back is removed.

3. **FUSE:** There is one fuse for the entire organ. If pilot light and none of the tubes are lighted, check for blown fuse (see tube chart in back of organ).

Fuse is easily removed. Turn fuse insert counter-clockwise until it comes out. The fuse can then be pulled from the insert and a new one installed.

**CAUTION: Use only 3-Amp "Slow-blo,"  
Type 3 AG fuse**

4. At least one white voice tab must be "on" before a manual will play.
5. The Swell Pedal must be depressed to bring up volume.
6. If all of the above have been checked and operation is still not normal (and you are sure all the tubes are in tight), there may be a faulty tube. Read the following pages which contain information on tube replacement or call your dealer for service.
7. The name plate containing model and serial number of your Lowrey Spinet is located on the rear of the cabinet near the bottom. Include model and serial number in any correspondence.

A competent service technician should be consulted if difficulties persist. Your Lowrey dealer is best qualified to handle this, although any good radio-television technician should be able to handle necessary repairs. Schematic diagrams will be furnished to owners upon request. Please send check or money order for \$2.00 and remember to include the **model and serial number** in any correspondence.

# tube replacement

Past experience has shown us that although many purchasers of Lowrey Organs have no technical understanding of the vast field of electronics, they are able to replace a defective tube. So, this material has been prepared for those who know something of the subject.

There are only six different types of tubes in the entire Lowrey Holiday Organ. They are standard tubes which can be purchased at your Lowrey dealers or at any radio or TV repair shop.

## TONE GENERATORS

After removing the back of the organ you will see a large chassis containing the 36 tone generator tubes. (See Figure I) This chassis is divided into twelve sections, each one of which produces the family of tones as indicated by the stamping next to the square metal can. Since, for the purpose of this discussion these twelve sections are all the same, we will consider only one.

The tube which produces the highest tone for a family of notes is in the V-1 socket closest to the metal can. (Note: Although type 6FA7 is used in V-1 sockets, type 6X8 can be used as a replacement.) The next tube in the V-2 socket is locked to it and produces the tone exactly one octave lower. The tube farthest from the tuning coil (in the V-3 socket) is locked to the second and produces the lowest tone of the keyboard. Thus, if the tube nearest the can (V-1) becomes faulty, not only the tones produced by it but also the lower octavely related tones will be faulty too.

Here's how to find a faulty generator tube. Turn on the Flute 8', the Melodia 8' and the Swell Pedal to full volume. Play all the **lower manual** keys in succession starting at the highest E on the right—proceed downward listening carefully **for the first defective tone**. **Be sure this is the highest defective tone on the manual**. If the tone from the corresponding key on the upper manual is also defective, a generator tube may have failed.

To locate the faulty tube, refer to the keyboard chart (Figure III) and determine in which of the three groups of keys the highest faulty tone is produced. If it is V-1, the tube is nearest to the metal can in that generator section. V-2 is in the middle of the group and V-3 is farthest from the metal can.

Note: It is impossible to catalogue the many various effects which can result from a "defective" tube. The word "defective" merely indicates no sound at all or some sound other than that which should be obtained. For example, the tone could be off pitch or could even be an octave too high.



For example, let us presume that you have determined the middle tube (V-2 socket) in the G generator to be faulty. To check this, remove this tube and exchange it with the middle tube in the adjacent generators of A or F. Because you know the tubes in the A and F sections are operating properly, any of them can be used for testing. Now, all G notes should operate properly but the highest faulty tone will be in the generator section where the previously determined faulty tube has been placed. Remember, use either 6FA7 or 6X8 in V-1, and 6X8 **only** in V-2 and V-3.

**Hint:** When the sustain tabs are on, sometimes a tube may produce a tone which plays quietly at all times even when no key is depressed. Determine the family of the "leaky" tone and pull out the 6X8 tubes from this section one at a time, starting with the one **farthest** from the tuning coil. The first tube which silences the tone when removed, is the one that requires replacement.

You have now learned how to locate a faulty tube anywhere in the group of thirty-six tubes in the tone generator chassis. If this method does not disclose a faulty tube in the generators, contact your dealer for service.

## QUALITY CONTROL CHASSIS

Next, let us consider the Quality Control Chassis. This is above the tone generators and to the right as you face the rear of the organ. It contains three (3) tubes arranged in a horizontal row. The three tubes in this chassis have a variety of functions. When one of these fails, substitutions can be made to locate the faulty tube. Several types of faults are covered below to help you find the defective tube.

## GROUPS OF NOTES

Depending upon the tabs used, if an entire keyboard does not respond or if a group of consecutive keys produces no tone or a defective tone, the faulty tube in all probability is in the sockets V-37, V-38 (12AX7) or V-43 (6X8).

Temporarily substitute a new 12AX7 tube in V-37 and V-38 until fault is corrected. The tube last removed is probably defective.

If the 16-foot voices fail to sound in the lowest octave of the upper manual, or if the lowest 8 keys of the lower manual fail to respond, the fault in all probability is V-43 (6X8). Exchange the tubes in V-42 and V-43—if the manuals then operate correctly, the pedal tones may not operate properly and a new 6X8 (V-42) will be required.

## UPPER MANUAL KEYBOARD CHART

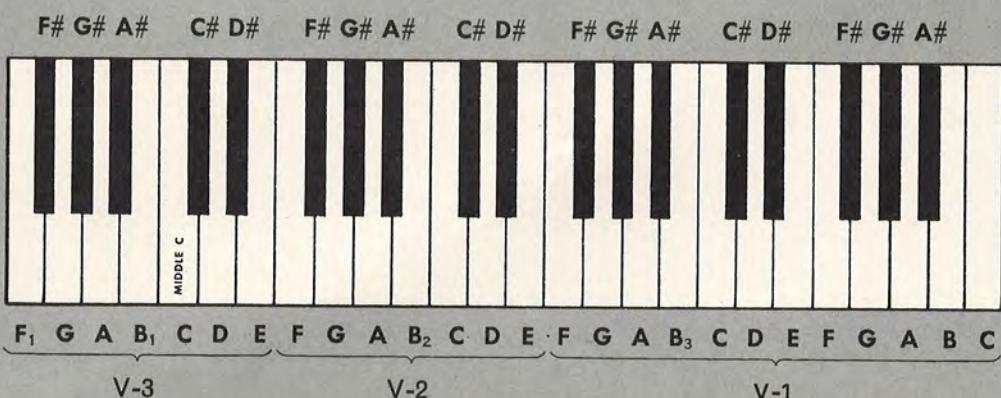


Figure III

### **VIBRATO**

If the vibrato becomes defective on all notes of the organ, the offending tube could be in V-39. V-37 may be exchanged with V-39. Then, the faulty tube in V-37 should produce certain defects on the manuals and should be replaced.

If the vibrato is defective on only **one family** of tones (all Fs or all Gs) the tube in V-1 of that generator may be faulty. Exchange it with the tube in V-1 of another generator and the faulty vibrato should move to the other family of notes.

### **PEDAL KEYBOARD**

If the pedal tones lose their volume or become defective, the fault is probably with a tube in V-40, V-41, or V-42.

To check V-41 and V-42, substitute any 6X8 from the main tone generators. If the pedal tones are still defective, the fault may be in the V-40 tube (6EZ8).

### **NOISES, DEAD OR WEAK (ALL STOPS)**

V-38 tube on the Quality Control chassis is an amplifier for string tones but also is an amplifier for all manual and pedal tones. Exchange this tube with

V-39 and if the manuals play correctly, except for vibrato, the tube now in V-39 is defective.

### **AMPLIFIER-POWER SUPPLY CHASSIS**

The Amplifier-Power Supply Sections are incorporated in the tone generator chassis; the tubes for these circuits are V-44, V-45, V-46 and V-47. A defective tube here will affect the entire organ rather than any particular stop, group of keys or a manual.

### **NOISES, DEAD OR WEAK**

To check V-44, replace it with a new 12AX7 tube.

V-45 and V-46 are the power output tubes (6V6GT). Since they work together, to test these tubes, a new tube should be tried in each of these sockets.

The 5U4 tube in the V-47 socket is the rectifier and since only one of these is used in the instrument, a test would have to be made with a new tube.

### **FUSES BLOWN**

If the fuse blows, in all probability the offending tube is the V-47 rectifier tube. However, there is always the lesser possibility that either 6V6GT tube in the V-45 and V-46 sockets could be causing the trouble.

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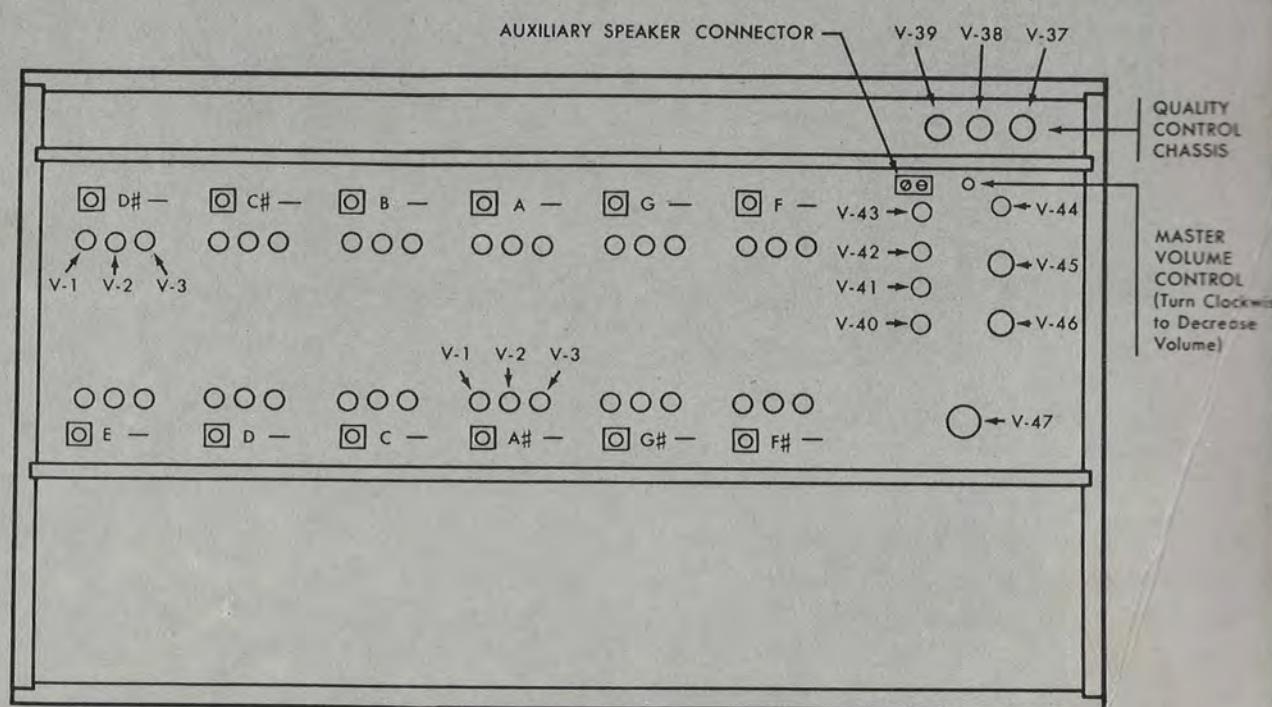


Figure 1



*Your Keys to the World of Music*