

God Save the King! New Eule organ in Sofienberg Church played by Halgeir Schiager [Lawo LWC1102]. Sofienberg is a suburb of Oslo. The church when built in 1877 had a new Rieger organ – the west gallery location and case have been reused for the new Eule organ, Op.677 3/44. The church was known as St Paul's until 1962. This is the first recording of the new organ. The music played was written between 1833 and 1879. The programme starts with the title piece by Hesse [Op.67], then Variationen über die österreichische Volkshymne by Ernst Köhler [1799-1847]; Concertstück Der Zauberflöte, Op 8 by Friedrich Kühmstedt [1809-1858]; Fantasy by Johann Stehle [1839-1915]; Variations on Silent Night by Christian Pfretzschner [1821-1885] and finishes with Sonata

No.4 [5 movements] by Samuel de Lange [1840-1911]. This is a super programme – composers and works not known to me before – but a disc that deserves repeat playing. In the booklet the specification and registrations are given for each work, ample notes on the music and player. The release date was July 2016 and a 5-star disc.