

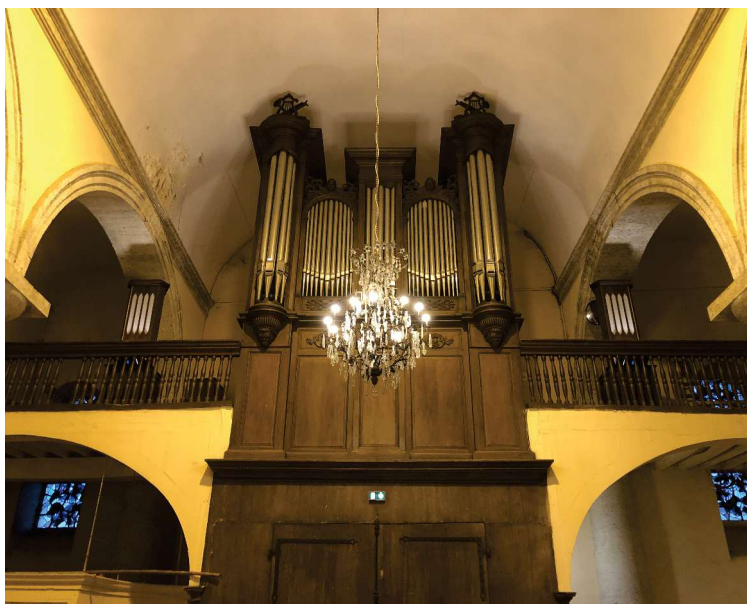
## Press release

# The first augmented organ is European

## The Modalio, a revolution for the organ, unveiled on 16 and 17 May 2025

A historic turning point for the organ and for music! **On 16 and 17 May 2025**, the City of Auch, the Association des Amis des Orgues du Pays d'Auch and **Alter Instruments** will unveil the **world's first permanent augmented organ**, equipped with **Modalio**, a revolutionary device designed to enrich the organists' playing without altering the acoustic and physical integrity of the instrument.

The inaugural concert will feature titular organists of the parish (Marc Chiron, Michel Mahé and Jean-Christophe Revel) and guest artists Christophe d'Alessandro (Paris), Yves Rechsteiner (Toulouse), Joris Verdin (Antwerpen), Yoann Tardivel (Toulouse).



### Innovation at the service of tradition

Developed by **Alter Instruments** in collaboration with organ builder **Jean Daldosso**, the Modalio marks a major advance in the world of the organ. This **autonomous device** enables the performer to add sound transformations in real time, **without altering the instrument's natural acoustic production**. Thanks to a set of processing pedals and a touch screen, the organist can integrate **reverberations, echoes, filters and other modulations**, opening up **new creative perspectives**.

This ambitious project, led by **organist Jean-Christophe Revel**, is a perfect illustration of how **tradition and innovation** can meet, demonstrating that the organ can be modernised while preserving its **musical heritage**.

The organ at **Saint-Orens church in Auch** is the first instrument in the world to **incorporate this technology on a permanent basis**, offering musicians a whole new range of sounds. Designed to be reproduced on other organs in the future, the Modalio offers a new vision for the future of organ music.

### A project for the future supported by cultural institutions

The development of **Modalio** is supported by the **French Ministry of Culture** (Innovative Digital Services 2022) and the **Centre National de la Musique** (Support for Innovation 2023).

Following on from the success of the **Sampo**, which has already transformed mixed instrument playing, **Alter Instruments**, founded in 2022, is continuing to innovate in the field of augmented instruments.

### Why is the Modalio unique ?

- **Fusion between traditional organ and electronics** without modifying the original instrument
- **Real-time control by the organist**, without a complex interface
- **Immediately accessible sound transformations** without additional hardware

More information at <https://modalio.fr/en>

### Join us on 16 and 17 May 2025 at the church of Saint-Orens in Auch to discover this world premiere!

All events have free entry. Nevertheless, we advise you to announce your arrival to benefit from reserved seating and privileged access to the site.

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Journalists from outside the Occitanie region will have one night's accommodation and two meals paid for.

### Upcoming events

- Concerts during the festival *Claviers en Pays d'Auch, l'été !* – July-August 2025
- Sampo & Modalio Academy – Initiation to the augmented organ, Auch, France, 14-20 July 2025

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