

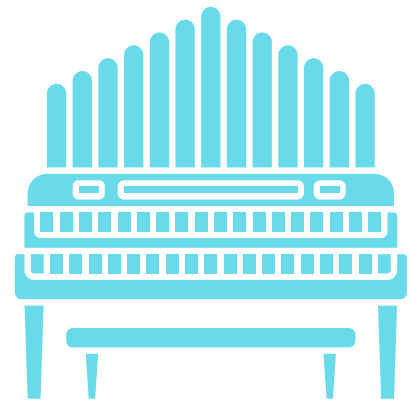
# Dietrich Buxtehude

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1637 – 1707



- Buxtehude was (most likely) born in Denmark in 1637.
- It is assumed that he first studied music with his father who was an organist.



- Buxtehude settled in Lübeck, Germany where he was employed as a church organist.
- Other great Baroque composers, George Frideric Handel, Johann Mattheson and J.S. Bach were inspired by Buxtehude, and all three travelled to meet him.
- His most important and influential works are considered to be those for organ, which include toccatas, preludes, fugues, chaconnes, pieces based on chorales, and a passacaglia.
- He left a large amount of vocal and instrumental music, much of which was not recovered until the 20th century. Many more of his works remain lost.



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