

## KATIE-SUE Fairground Organ circa. 1905

Katie-Sue was built in the early twentieth century in Waldkirch, deep in Germany's Black Forest district. In this small German town, many firms manufactured hand-cranked organs, fairground organs, and related instruments and shipped them to all parts of the world. Of the Waldkirch organ makers, the Bruder family was one of the largest. During the nineteenth century, the Bruders operated three firms, one of which was Gebr. Bruder (Bruder Brothers), builders of Katie-Sue. She found her way from Waldkirch to Amsterdam where she played her music at the farmer's market. In 1965 she was purchased and brought to the United States. She came to Agawam, MA, where she was completely restored by her present owner. Her nine tune wooden-pinned cylinder that played German music was removed and replaced with a Wurlitzer paper roll system. This enabled the organ to play a variety of popular two steps, and fox trots of the 20's and 30's. Katie-Sue entertains and fascinates crowds at street festivals, malls, and celebrations of all kinds. Her music provides a pleasant, nostalgic background for many events. Katie-Sue is available for hire by contacting: Peter & Jill Hallock Phone: 413-786-8286 e-mail [Jillmaxson@aol.com](mailto:Jillmaxson@aol.com)

