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News & Notes



Newsletter of the Boston Chapter *Piano Technicians Guild*

January MEETING - Aardvark Piano Hyde Park
FEATURING: "How to achieve soundboard stiffness and flexibility in the rebuilding process. "

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When: Tuesday, January 15th

Where: 65 Sprague Street
Hyde Park, MA

Schedule: 6:00 PM. Gather, Converse, Eat
7:00 PM. Chapter Business Meeting
7:30 PM. Technical Meeting

Topic Discussion:

We will be looking at the construction of a Steinway B, a Mason and Hamlin BB, and a seven-foot Bechstein. Three different approaches to piano construction. There are numerous ways that these pianos try to achieve a powerful responsive sound with sustain and dynamic and tonal range. What happens when a board is too stiff or too flexible? What is an acceptable range of parameters? Come share your ideas.

George Crawford



"PREZ SEZ"

Doug Tybor, RPT
President, Boston
Chapter PTG

Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope each of you had a happy holiday season. And thanks to Joe Morocco for hosting the annual holiday party!

We always welcome suggestions for technical presentations - see Tom Driscoll or a chapter officer. February's meeting will be at Brandeis University and feature David Stanwood. Plans are in the works for future meetings to be hosted by Steinert's, and possibly the Museum of Fine Arts.

The business portion of this month's chapter meeting will include welcoming of new members, an update to the NEECSO 2014 planning, and a change in plans regarding the proposed establishment of a regional testing center.

Finally, please note that if your annual dues payments are not received at the Home Office by January 31, you may risk losing your membership in the PTG. Please contact me or Patrick Draine in case you need some extra time, and we'll alert the Home Office of your intention to retain your membership.

Hope to see you at the January meeting!

Thanks,

Doug Tybor
President, Boston Chapter PTG

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ASSIST WITH THE TUNING EXAM—We have been doing quite a few tuning exams lately. Any RPTs out there willing to help out? The tuning exam requires one CTE (Certified Tuning Exam-iner) and two (or more) RPTs. Recently I asked several RPTs to help out and both were under the mistaken impression that one had to be a CTE to take part in a tuning exam. Not so. Any RPT can help. It's a good way to give back to our organization, have fun and probably learn something. Plus you have the satisfaction of knowing you are helping uphold the high standards of PTG! There is no monetary reward, but you might get a sandwich and cup of coffee, and reimbursement for parking.

Another reminder—the pool of CTEs nationwide is shrinking. If any RPT is considering becoming a CTE, the first step is to take the full tuning exam (entirely by ear) and pass all categories at 90 or above. THE TEST FEE IS WAIVED, whether or not your scores are all 90 or above.

The Boston Chapter does testing on a by request basis. So, if anyone is thinking about taking the tuning exam, it usually takes a few weeks to set up a time. Testing is done at North Bennet St. School on one of three approved pianos: A Steinway L, a Mason & Hamlin BB or a Kawai RX2.

Questions? Call or email me. - *Christine Lovgren*





Joe Morocco presented the Treasurer's Report

The next PTG meeting will be in January, tentatively at George Crawford's in Hyde Park.

The February meeting is currently in the works.

There is a potential for the March meeting to be Wednesday March 13 at the MFA. This might be a group rate event with no food, so there was a suggestion to meet up at a restaurant beforehand.

April: no meeting (MARC).

May and June are still unscheduled.

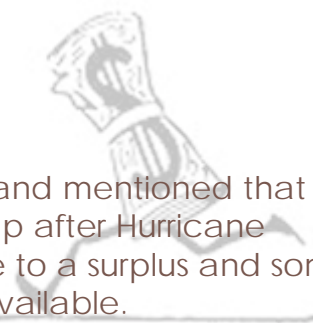
The NEECSO committee and chapter officers met with Steve Taylor for a site tour and a question and answer session at the Burlington Marriott. We are working with area dealerships to provide pianos for teaching classes and exams.

Patrick Draine made a motion to affirm the written contract between Steve Taylor and the Boston Chapter regarding the 75/25 profit split on the 2014 NEECSO Seminar, and the motion was adopted.

There was some discussion regarding possible themes for the convention. It was noted that the North Bennet Street School open house will happen as well.

Just a reminder that PTG dues are due December 31.

Vice President Norm Cantrell was present at the meeting and mentioned that there is a Disaster Relief Fund for technicians in need of help after Hurricane Sandy. It was originally set up for Hurricane Katrina but due to a surplus and some members donating back to the fund there are still funds available.





Steinway grand model A, 6'4", one of the most sought after Steinway grand pianos, originally manufactured in 1926. This stunning piano has been fully restored, new pinblock and strings, all new Steinway hammer action assembly. The original soundboard is in wonderful condition. The cabinet has been fully refinished in a lustrous satin ebony sheen. The shorter model A at 6'2" currently in production retails new at \$77K. The price on this fully restored 6'4" model A is \$36,500.

Martin Snow
 781-837-6531
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Steinway console piano, 43" tall.
 Beautiful condition, made in the 1960s.
 \$3900.

1994 Baldwin console, cherry finish, decorative cabinet with reeded legs, excellent condition, \$2200.



Kawai baby grand model GE1, 5'1", in a satin ebony cabinet. Manufactured in 1994, piano is in excellent condition. \$6900.

Fully restored Steinway model M, 5'7", originally manufactured in 1933. New pinblock, strings, tuning pins; original soundboard in excellent condition. New hammer action. Fully refinished mahogany cabinet. \$26,500. This model M mahogany Steinway piano is still being made and retails new for \$67K.



Yamaha grand model G2, 5'8". \$11,900.
 Yamaha grand model G3, 6'1". \$13,500.
 Yamaha grand model G5, 6'5". \$15,900.



Steinway Console, serial number P322641, dated 1947. One owner, well maintained. Asking \$4000. Please call Susan for more info at 617-721-7036.

For Sale: Samick Grand Piano with working, fully functional Pianocorder P100 player system. Piano model is G-1A (5' 1"), serial number 820225 (30 years old), walnut polish finish. Original owner, properly tuned and maintained. Bench is included. Also included are Pianocorder user manual and 22 tapes. Can also provide contact information for service professionals familiar with Pianocorder systems. Additional photos available upon request. \$5500. Located in Beverly, MA.
 Doug Tybor:
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Bill Fucito at 978-692-3293
(Westford, MA).
Barry Rosenberg, RPT



I have a customer who must sell his 5'2" Knabe grand by the end of this month (August). It is in very good shape for original parts (I replaced an agraffe, the two strings that went through it and one hammer head). He wants \$4000 or best offer.

Steinway L for sale. Serial #225837. Made in 1924. Has a stunning, highly figured/ribbon mahogany case. Piano has been completely rebuilt with a new soundboard and pinblock. It has new Renner shanks and flanges, Hamburg repetitions, N.Y. hammers and N.Y. damper backaction. It also has a Stanwood™ action rebalance. Has a big, sweet sound and very even touch. \$36,000. Piano is located in Bedford, MA.



Ken Prescott

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Boston grand piano for sale.
GP-193 6'4". 10 years old. Polished Mahogany Finish. Pristine.
Comes with M.Steinert trade-up guarantee.

Claudia Cimenti
email: cimenti@gmail.com Stowe, MA



Steinway B from around 1900. Completely redone in the mid 80's at Camaleri in NY. Spade legs (not original), black case. Authentic Steinway parts used throughout. Plastic keytops. 88 notes. Well maintained. Piano located in Cambridge. Asking low 30's. Call Christine Lovgren 508 733 2935

Steinway 45 upright, Serial #553473 (circa 2000)
Mahogany "Crown Jewel Collection"
Dampp-Chaser installed
Owned and played by an RPT, second owner
Hammers recently filed, action recently regulated, tuned regularly,
tight pinblock, perfect soundboard
Middle pedal is true sostenuto mechanism
Asking \$14,500.00

Christopher A. Storch
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January 2013
Steinway M - \$10950
(Allston)

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2 Ivers and Pond Full Sized
Uprights - \$1650 (Allston)
and
\$1950



Beautiful tone 5'7" baby grand from the '20's, Steinway's golden age. As far as structural work, it has replaced pinblock, strings, dampers, which generally costs at least \$6000. The action has had the hammers, shanks and flanges replaced, which are the parts that wear and have the dreaded "vertigris" found in most older Steinways. We are regulating it now, which is the fine action adjustment to make the touch feel like new. This action work is normally at least \$3500.

It has been refinished in an open grain walnut worth \$4000. Adding all the work done, the piano is less than free at this price. We are paying you to buy this piano!



Classic Knabe 5'2" baby grand in original condition; thoroughly regulated and voiced. \$2000.

The final evolution of the full sized upright; deep rich sound surpassing most baby grands. Uprights this good are mostly no longer made, and when they are they cost well over 10K. Original mahogany finish in good shape. Includes complete Life Saver System (humidity control which costs \$600 installed). This piano is fully tuned, regulated, and guaranteed.



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