The Piano Owner's Heads-Up Guide to Important Piano Maintenance

Focus On: Routine Maintenance for Your Console Piano

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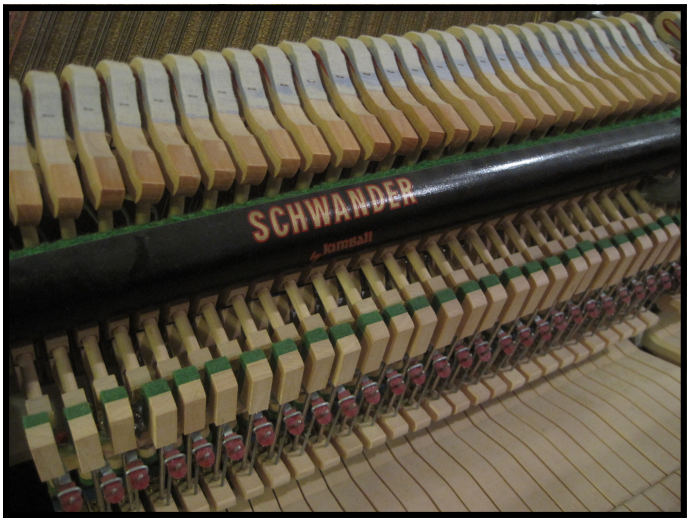
As an owner of a console piano you have the privilege of playing an instrument that is capable of providing very good performance and sound while occupying no more of your valuable floor space than a spinet piano. With proper maintenance, a good quality console piano will be a delight to play, providing a responsive touch and a commendable tone.

Tuning: With any acoustic piano, following a regular tuning schedule is essential. All pianos go out of tune over time because of a variety of factors such as seasonal swings in humidity levels. The key to your piano sounding its best is to keep it in proper tune by having it professionally serviced on a regular basis. An adequate tuning schedule for a good quality console piano being used on a regular basis is either a once-a-year tuning or twice-a-year tuning, depending on how often the piano is being played.



Repairs and regulation: For your console piano to perform at its peak, the first step is to perform any needed repairs to the action, then get it on a regular tuning schedule. In addition, the tone and touch of the piano should be evaluated to ascertain if there is a need for regulation and / or voicing, particularly if a number of years have gone by since those needs have been met. Regulation refers to the procedure of adjusting all the moving parts of the piano action so that the mechanism is performing in peak form with no wasted motion. Voicing refers to evening out and improving the tonal quality of the piano by making careful adjustments to the hammers of the piano.

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