



**PIANO
TECHNICIANS
GUILD**

MEETING NOTICE

Monday Jan 4, 2010

**Location: Orchestra Hall
3663 Woodward Ave
Detroit MI 48201**

Directions: Take I-75 to exit 52 (Mack Ave). Take Mack west one half mile to Woodward. Turn right on Woodward and go one block. Orchestra Hall will be on your left. Parking is available on side streets. Enter through the rear door.
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7:00 Applied skills:

Applied Skills: Hugh Gullledge, RPT
Hugh is the head tech for the Steinway Gallery and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The topic will be shift pedal voicing.

7:45 Business meeting

Please note there will not be dinner served.

8:00 Main Technical

Achieving fast, reliable repetition in the grand action

Hugh Gullledge, RPT.

Fast, reliable repetition at all dynamic levels is essential to the concert artist. □ This class will explore the the factors which contribute to good repetition, particularly in the Steinway concert grand action. □ Topics will include regulation factors affecting repetition, friction control, pinning of action centers and dimensional factors which relate to repetition. □ What about when the regulation is as good as possible, the friction is good and the action still does not repeat well enough? □ What can be done then?

Join us for this informative class in the beautiful, historic and acoustically superb home of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra!

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2, 2009 MINUTES DETROIT CHAPTER OF PTG

MEETING WAS HELD AT EVOLA MUSIC WAREHOUSE, 45222 WOODWARD AVE, PONTIAC, MICHIGAN.

THE APPLIED SKILLS PROGRAM AT 6:30 P.M. WAS PRESENTED BY SCOTT JONES, OF PITCHLOCK, INC. ON ACTION GEOMETRY AND TOUCHWEIGHT.

THE BUSINESS MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT CLEM FORTUNA AT 7:50 P.M. THERE WERE 14 PTG MEMBERS, 4 ASSOCIATES AND 1 VISITOR PRESENT.

CLEM THANKED EVOLA MUSIC FOR HOSTING THE MEETING AND PROVIDING THE PIZZA LUNCHEON. THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER AND THE TREASURER'S REPORT WERE APPROVED BY GENERAL CONSENT AS PRESENTED IN THE BRIDGE FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE A PTG CHAPTER MEETING IN DECEMBER 2009 AND THE MEETING WOULD BE AT ORCHESTRA HALL WITH HUGH GULLEDGE IN JANUARY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING THE DINNER BANQUET FOR FEBRUARY.

DANIEL GABER IS HAVING A TOOL SALE AND MOVING TO TORONTO.
RANDALL BERMER IS TRANSFERRING INTO THE DETROIT CHAPTER FROM ALBUQUERQUE NM

TREASURER, PAUL SHARKEY INFORMED THE CHAPTER THAT HE IS APPLYING FOR THE 990E NON-PROFIT TAX EXEMPT STATUS.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY DAN HARTEAU, SECONDED BY DALE HEIKKINEN.

MAIN TECHNICAL "TOUCHRAIL" WAS PRESENTED BY SCOTT JONES. WAS WELL PRESENTED AND ACCEPTED BY THOSE IN ATTENDANCE.

SUBMITTED,
RONALD HARRIS, SECRETARY

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President's Message

I've long been a proponent of going green. Global Warming has been nearly universally accepted by scientists. Fossil Fuels will be running out in the next few decades, and a renewable alternative has not been found that is cheap and abundant enough to maintain our current level of consumption. Poisons and trash continue to pollute our planet faster than we can clean them up. No one is sure how bad it will get or how soon, but much of what I've been reading suggest that our way of life will have to change significantly.

What does this have to do with our work as piano technicians? We are lucky to be in a relatively green business. We work primarily with very traditional material such as wood, steel, wool and leather. I try to avoid the nastier sprays and chemicals we use whenever possible. I have even attempted finish work with non toxic materials such as shellac (with mixed results).

Driving long distances is the least green part of our job. It doesn't really make sense for me to drive 30 miles to do routine tunings (though I still do it) when so many other qualified tuners are closer. Although Anti-Trust rules make it illegal to divide up our clients or make exclusive territories, many of us may eventually try to work closer to home as gas becomes more expensive and scarce.

On a personal level, there are a lot of easy things you can do. Recycling helps some but there is already more plastic than we can find uses for (plastic bottles can't be recycled into more plastic bottles, just other junk). It's better to not create a demand for plastic in the first place. (Plastic also uses fossil fuels.) Try bringing a thermos for your coffee and a lunch box next time you head out to work. Or else find the time for lunch someplace that uses real dishes instead of disposable. It's become a cliché, but there are a million little things we can do to help save the planet!

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