

# PIANO SERVICES

## Tuning

Piano tuning is the adjustment of the tuning pins so that all the strings are of the proper tension (pitch), to have the correct sounding musical intervals. An out-of-tune piano can discourage even novice musicians.

## Pitch Raise

When a piano has been neglected and not tuned as often as it should be, the instrument will fall flat from standard pitch. The longer it has been neglected, the farther away from pitch it will fall. Pitch Raise is a two step process whereby the piano is safely brought back to standard pitch.

## Sticking Keys

This is the catch all expression for anything not working correctly, slow hammers, key will not go down, note continues playing even when key is released or maybe it does "stick" and stays down when you press the key.

## Broken Strings

Some pianos will have strings missing but still play since there are still one or two matching strings remaining. While this does work, the volume of that note will be low and the hammer will go out of alignment over time from being pushed to one side.

## Keytop Repair

What pianist doesn't want to play on a piano with shiny, non-chipped keys. While broken and chipped keytops do not affect the piano itself, new keytops will impact both the look and feel for the pianist.

## Regulation

While tuning corrects the pitch of your piano, it is only one component of a complete maintenance program. Regulation attends to the touch and uniform responsiveness of your action, all vital to making each performance pleasurable. Regulation is the adjustment of the mechanical aspects of the pianos to compensate for the effects of wear, the compacting and settling of cloth, felt, and buckskin, as well as dimensional changes in wood and wool parts due to changes in humidity.

## Reconditioning and Restoration

Reconditioning is a less thorough process, using a minimum of new parts, and working largely with original parts, whereas restoration involves using whatever new parts are necessary to make the piano function at its maximum potential.