

THE SOONER TUNER

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Piano Technicians Guild*

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Hello all and welcome to the new edition of the Sooner Tuner.

This month's meeting will be held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church (in the fellowship hall) 222 NW 15th Street near the intersection of NW 15th and Robinson on Thursday, March 15th at 8:30 a.m.

A technical demonstration will be given by a chapter RPT on the topic of performance regulation and concert tuning. The piano chosen for this demonstration will be a Kawai 7' grand piano. An open Q & A will be held for those attending and what better way to expand our understanding of piano technology than with our fellow piano experts. Come one, come all. Enjoy the donuts.

From the President

I know that we all have stories to tell about our experiences with pianists, but I just had to share this one with you.

This past weekend, Oklahoma City University hosted a performance of Stanislov Ioudenitch, who had recently won the gold medal at the Van Cliburn Competition. I had prepared the piano on Saturday, and was scheduled to come back Sunday afternoon pryor to his performance, to make any changes that he might request. He planned to rehearse on the piano Sunday morning.

When I arrived at 1:00 PM, he told me that the piano was fine, but he would like to practice for another 30 minutes. Anticipating that there might be some voicing, regulating, or tuning issues, I asked him if there was anything he needed. He said "I would really like some coffee, anda HAIR DRYER????

Not a problem, I said. So, I fixed him some coffee, and then jumped in my truck and bought him a hair dryer. This was a first for me! He thanked me at least three times, and, although it was an unusual request, it eased his mind.

I learned later, that this was his first stop on a long tour, which would only add to his apprehension. I can only imagine the stress that Concert Pianists must feel when they're on the road. Not only are they required to perform well, but they only have a brief time to become familiar with the piano, the Hall, and yes, the Technician. Our job is to not only make sure that the piano sounds and plays well, but to make them feel at ease, if we can.

Cost of the hair dryer: \$ 17.59 Being able to ease the stress of the Artist: Priceless

Bob Scheer President of the Oklahoma Chapter of the PTG

"Our PTG website and communication network has gone through an incredible change this year. I encourage and invite all chapter member to check it out at their convenience. There are two locations: ptg.org and my.ptg.org.

Ron Berry, our illustrious webmaster has put together a blog piece outlining some of the unique differences. This is the link (copy and paste to view).

<http://my.ptg.org/PTG/PTG/Blogs/BlogViewer/Default.aspx?BlogKey=151d6380-6641-4ddf-be49-8593c044da7e>

As a point of information, the original Listserve (Pianotech and CAUT) is still in operation, but may eventually be discontinued sometime this year.

Sincerely
Keith McGavern, RPT

Minutes From last months meeting

February 16, 2012
Edmond Music

Those in attendance: Keith Morgan, , Norman Cantrell, Bob Scheer, , Gary Bruce
Nice breakfast spread prepared and hosted by Mike, Jay and Scott.

- *Business meeting commenced by Bob Scheer, President at 8:45
- *Norman Cantrell, SCRVP opened with prayer
- *Gary Bruce, Treasurer Report \$3168.36.
- *Norman reported on
- *Gary asked about . Discussion followed. Motion to do so by Gary, seconded by Norman. Motion carried unanimously.
- *Norman discussed National office information and shared some of his experiences at the NAMM show PTG booth.
- *Norman will talk to Dale Probst about hosting an upcoming event.
- *Meeting adjourned at 9:20

Technical presentation followed by Chapter PTGs on performance regulations.....

UP COMING EVENTS

October 15, 2012 - October 17, 2012

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