

In addition to preparing all of the pianos on display at Nick's Piano Showroom in Bonita Springs, Nick remains active as a concert piano technician serving venues such as the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs, Southwest Florida Event Center and other performance venues, and is available for in-home service to private clients as well. I welcome your inquiries so that I may provide the very best service to your piano. If you have a high performance luxury brand grand piano, you will experience the finest possible tuning on your piano, and it especially deserves a concert piano technician tuning only by ear. I have never used any electronic aids in tuning which is why I have excellent tone regulating (voicing) skills. This service puts the finishing touch on an extremely fine tuned piano. Recordings of pianos I have tuned and voiced are available on the internet and have been lauded by experts for obtaining the finest results available. Please note that as a concert piano technician I only tune grand and baby grand pianos, but if you have an upright piano I am happy to recommend other good piano tuners. Please call Nick directly at 239-206-4541 to schedule service.

For the pianos that are for sale at Nick's Piano Showroom I place the highest priority on providing thorough service. I am keenly aware of the need, especially of new pianos, to be properly serviced by the dealer before delivery. This dealer prep work includes regulating the action parts for evenness of touch, fine tuning, and voicing (tone regulating). These 3 items, when performed as part of the pre-sale service, will benefit the instrument and your future enjoyment of it greatly.

Most pianos arrive from the factory needing a fair amount of regulating, tuning, and voicing before they sound and play their very best. But dealers vary greatly in their willingness to provide this necessary pre-sale service, if at all, because of the considerable expense involved. You want a dealer like Nick's Piano Showroom that maintains high service standards. Naturally, a dealership owned and run by a piano technician is likely to be more conscientious in this regard.

### **Fine Tuning**

New piano strings require many tunings before they stop stretching and will hold a tuning for a reasonable length of time. The piano will receive several tunings in the factory before being shipped, but afterward will need more tuning by the dealer before becoming fully stabilized.

## **Regulating**

Regulating refers to the fine adjustment of the thousands of action parts in order to achieve the maximum responsiveness of touch. These adjustments may take the form of turning adjusting screws or making precise alignment adjustments for each key. There are many adjustments that have to be made; some of them to tolerances of just a few thousandths of an inch to the action, keys, dampers, strings and pedals.

## **Voicing**

Voicing means regulating the tone of the piano, and mostly involves adjusting the shape and density of the hammer felt in order to adjust and refine the tonal quality and note-to-note consistency. If the piano sounds too bright or harsh, the hammers are pricked with needles to soften them; if too mellow or dull, hardeners are usually applied. As a concert piano technician, voicing is one of my areas of expertise, as this skill is necessary in order match the piano's tone to the exact preference of the pianist.

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