

DETROIT WINDSOR CHAPTER PTG NEWSLETTER



PIANO
TECHNICIANS
GUILD

MEETING NOTICE

Monday June 7, 2010

Location: King's Keyboards

2363 E STADIUM BLVD
ANN ARBOR, MI 48104
(734) 663-3381

6:30 No Applied Skills: We will instead be advising our delegate, Clark Sprague, on how to vote on proposed bylaws changes.

7:15 Dinner

7:45 Business meeting

8:00 Main Technical:

It is our distinct pleasure, as a member of the Detroit-Windsor Chapter, to introduce a cutting-edge piano personality for our next meeting.

After his seminar in piano technology at The University of Western Ontario in London next month, Stephen Paulello will honor us with a visit to Southeastern Michigan and give us the Technical on Monday, June 7th.

Stephen Paulello is a concert pianist and a former professor of piano at the Paris National Superior Music School (CNSM). His passionate interest for the technology of the instrument lead him to study during many sessions and over many years at the Bechstein factory. In addition to his musical skills and to his strong background in mathematics, his knowledge of the German language drove him naturally to Germany, which has been the European leader in piano manufacturing since WW 2.

In the mid nineties, Stephen designed

and built a 9' concert grand, and recently achieved a new 2m17 (7') model, which is now in production. Additionally, Stephen works as a consultant for the Wendl & Lung piano company of Vienna, Austria.

The path to piano design definitely involves string scaling.

Whether as tuners, as re-builders or as designers, we are all directly confronted to the acoustical "layout" of the piano, which is the string plane itself.

Whether we need to replace broken strings, or re-string an entire instrument, we are confronted to the question of "what is the right string to install for *that* given scale, at *that* pitch, *this* tension, with *this* inharmonicity, given *such* length etc..."

Stephen will first introduce the different types of piano wire of his design, and describe the relationship between their physical/ mechanical characteristics and their metallurgy. Alloys and drawing will be described. Their acoustical output will be heard on audio recordings.

In the second phase of his presentation, Stephen will discuss re-scaling in general, and explain how different types of wire, in terms of stress rate, are necessary for really smooth transitions and consistent scales.

He will than discuss the ultimate features of European piano design, including bridge agraffes, nickel-plated wire and soft iron windings, and perhaps other novelties from the international world of today's piano pioneers. We look forward to this meeting, hoping that all professional and passionate people of the piano, including members of our neighboring Chapters, will come and attend this exceptional event!

See you all at King's Keyboard in Ann Arbor on June 7th!

Arno PATIN
Detroit-Windsor Chapter

MINUTES

MAY 3, 2010 MINUTES DETROIT CHAPTER OF PTG

MEETING WAS HELD AT THE PIANO PLACE, 1307 E. MAPLE RD, TROY, MI 48083
THE APPLIED SKILLS WAS PRESENTED BY DAN HARTEAU, RPT ON AFTERTOUCH,
WHICH DAN PREFERS TO CALL "AFTERDROP".

THE MAIN TECHNICAL WAS PRESENTED BY JIM COLEMAN JR., A DEMONSTRATION
AND SHOWING USE OF GLUES AND ADHESIVES IN SHOP, AND IN THE HOME.

THANK YOU "PIANO PLACE" FOR OUR DINNER OF SANDWICHES, SALAD, COOKIES &
SODA.

THE BUSINESS MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT CLEM FORTUNA AT
7:48 P.M. THERE WERE 14 RPT'S, 6 ASSOCIATES AND 2 GUESTS PRESENT.

THE MINUTES FROM APRIL WERE ACCEPTED BY GENERAL CONSENT.

PAUL SHARKEY REPORTED HAVING RECEIVED CHAPTER DUES AND A CHECK FOR AN
APPLICATION FEE.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS ACCEPTED BY GENERAL CONSENT.

PRESIDENT, CLEM FORTUNA INTRODUCED VISITOR JACOB LOUKS, BROUGHT BY
DALE HARRIS.

MOTION TO RE-ELECT CURRENT DETROIT-WINDSOR PTG CHAPTER OFFICERS,
PRESIDENT AND NEWS LETTER EDITOR CLEM FORTUNA, VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD
BITTNER, SECRETARY RON HARRIS, TREASURER PAUL SHARKEY, WAS MADE BY DAN
HARTEAU, SECONDED BY CAL CHAMPINE. MOTION WAS CALLED FOR AND PASSED.

MOTION MADE BY RICHARD BITTNER TO GIVE A \$500 STIPEND TO CLARK SPRAGUE,
RPT FOR REPRESENTING OUR CHAPTER AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION THIS
SUMMER, JUNE 26 – 30, 2010 IN LAS VEGAS, NAVADA, SECONDED BY DAVE
FOSTER. MOTION CALLED FOR AND PASSED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BILL EDWARDS COMPLEMENTED PRESIDENT CLEM FORTUNA FOR HIS PRESIDENTS
MESSAGE GIVEN EACH MONTH THIS PAST YEAR AS ALWAYS "BEING RIGHT ON". A
ROUND OF APPLAUSE WAS GIVEN IN SUPPORT FOR CLEM.

OUR JUNE 5 MEETING WILL BE AT KINGS KEYBOARD HOUSE, 2363 E STADIUM
BLVD, ANN ARBOR, MI 48104. STEPHEN PAULELLO FROM FRANCE WILL BE OUR
MAIN TECHNICAL PRESENTER ON STRING MAKING & DESIGN.

MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY DAN HARTEAU, SECONDED BY CAL CHAMPINE.
MOTION CARRIED.

SUBMITTED,
RONALD HARRIS, SECRETARY

TREASURER'S REPORT**REPORT FOR THE MONTH APRIL**

Balance Brought Forward \$8,619.96

Income:

Dues Application	\$75.00
Yearly dues	\$2,700.00
Dues	\$50.00

TOTAL \$2,825.00

\$11,444.96

Expenses:

Delegate Check	\$500.00
Jim Coleman	\$350.00
Yahoo	\$12.95
Click2Mail	\$23.46
Yahoo	\$12.95

TOTAL \$899.36

\$10,545.60

Balance Forwarded to May \$10,545.60

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Amish have a saying, "Many hands make light work." If somebody needs a new barn, the whole community will get together and build a barn in one day. My wife and I have a similar arrangement with two other couples, albeit on a much smaller scale. For our work co-op, we take turns doing work at each other's houses. It's amazing what six people can accomplish in a few hours on a Sunday, whether it's painting, landscaping, or various home improvements or repairs. Jobs that might drag on for weeks are often completed in a day, and it's actually more fun than one would expect, since you're hanging out with friends.

In our PTG chapter, big achievements are possible when we all show up to help build the barn. Hosting a regional or national convention would be an example of big project. Another example we have done before is a chapter project, such as rebuilding a piano together (and then donating the piano to a worthy cause-good publicity for PTG and a way to learn new skills). I'm sure there are other ideas we could come up with to do more as a chapter.

Even the job of planning 8 meetings per year is huge, especially when it all falls on one person. Until recently, meeting locations, applied skills presentations and main technical presentations were almost all set up by one person, Scott Nelson. I want to thank Scott publicly for taking on this enormous task and sticking with it for many years. I would like to try a more balanced approach now. We have a technicals committee with myself, Clark Sprague and Richard Bittner. We could always use more hands. You can join in, or simply look for technical presentations of interest (especially if you go to Vegas this year). Plan or offer an applied skills or host a meeting. There are many ways to help, and remember, many hands make light work.

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