

## **Piano Life Saver Humidity Control Systems from Dampp-Chaser®**

The more stable the environment surrounding your piano the less likely your piano will need frequent repairs and tuning.

Pianos are designed to be kept at 42% relative humidity (RH). A Piano Life Saver System by Dampp-Chaser installed in your piano keeps your piano at 42% RH, plus or minus 5%, year round and it comes with a five year guarantee.

### **Factory Warranty Service**

We provide factory authorized piano warranty service - partial list: Baldwin, Kawai, PianoDisc, QRS Player Systems, Steinway, Story & Clark, Yamaha, and Young Chang pianos.

### **Ruth Van Dine**

Ruth is a Registered Piano Technician of the Piano Technicians Guild and is a graduate of the Advanced Piano Technology program at North Bennet Street School in Boston. She apprenticed under Fredrick Mudge, RPT, a Yamaha Concert technician and a Steinway factory trained technician.

She is a Dampp-Chaser® Humidity Control System installation expert and also is a specialist in polyester finish repair.

## **Price List**

Piano tuning \$95.00

Pitch raise \$55.00

(Pianos that have fallen ten cents or more out of pitch require two or more tunings to obtain a stable at-pitch tuning.)

Piano Life-Saver System installation  
(Humidity Control Systems from Dampp-Chaser®)

\$450.00 Upright

\$500.00 Grand

General repair \$60/hr.

Emergency Service Fee \$25.00  
(Last minute tuning & repair)

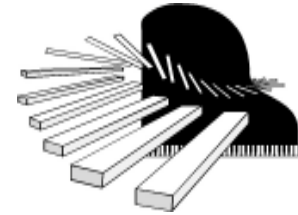
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American Express & Discover  
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**- Fully Insured -**

## **Ruth's Piano Service**

Providing Superior Care

Since 1998



Tuning & Repairs  
Voicing & Regulation  
Humidity Control  
Refinishing & Rebuilding  
Purchase Consulting

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### **Workshop**

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**Ruth's Piano Service** provides the following services:

Fully Insured	Piano Tuning
Regulating	Rebuilding
Refinishing	Repairs
Voicing	Cleaning
Insurance Appraisals	Repair Estimates
Polyester Repair Specialist	
Purchase Consulting	
Damp-Chaser® Humidity Control	
Authorized Factory Service	
Case Finish Repairs & Touch-up	

### **Repairing, Regulating & Cleaning**

As a mechanical device, your piano action needs regular adjustment, this is called regulating. Parts swell and shrink as the humidity changes, wear out with use, or fatigue with age, requiring periodic adjustment, repair or replacement. Dust and grit can also prematurely wear out felt, leather and other wood action parts. Regulating and cleaning will prolong the life of your piano action. While new pianos usually arrive fairly well regulated, the felt and leather parts will wear in requiring adjustments during the first or second year. A well regulated piano is a joy to play, because it is more even and responsive.

### **Rebuilding & Refinishing**

I offer rebuilding and refinishing for all makes of pianos from spinets to concert grands. Ruth's Piano Service has the expertise and experience to provide a complete rebuild for your piano, including: new strings, key recovering, action rebuilding, hammer replacement, piano case repair and refinishing.



### **Tuning**

In addition to being a beautiful piece of furniture, the piano is a complex musical instrument. A good stable tuning, regular repairs and adjustments will keep your piano functioning in top form for years.

Seasonal changes in the humidity cause all pianos to go out of tune. Depending on where you live, the degree of humidity change from season to season, the quality and condition of your piano and how much the piano is played are all factors in determining the number of tunings required. Your piano manufacturer recommends tuning two to four times yearly. However, if the piano is not played frequently the piano should be serviced annually, at the very least. Installing a humidity control system will make a significant difference in the humidity changes within the piano and make the applied tunings much more stable.

During each service call I will inspect your piano for any additional repairs and adjustments and work with you to develop a schedule.

### **Concert Tuning**

Concert pianos have service needs beyond those of the average piano. I am fully trained and ready to provide the exacting service concert artists demand. Some of the institutions I have serviced:

Lincoln Park  
Boston Museum of Fine Arts  
Celebrity Cruise Lines  
Norwegian Cruise Lines  
Foxwoods Resort  
Regattabar Jazz Club  
Scullers Jazz Club  
Tanglewood

### **Appraisals**

There are many reasons you may want a written appraisal of your piano's value: when securing a rider on your insurance policy, insuring it for a move or before placing it in storage. When selling your piano, a written appraisal will provide a solid basis for setting your price and negotiating with potential purchasers.

### **Purchase Consulting**

I am available to assist you in purchasing a new or used piano, either from a store, or a private party. Although I am not a piano dealer, and generally do not buy and sell pianos. Yet, I sometimes have clients wishing to sell excellent instruments and can help make the arrangements. I am able to advise you on a piano you may be considering purchasing, or help you find the right piano at a price that fits your budget through our many contacts within the industry.