

# Ruth's Piano Service

## Services

### Ruth Van Dine, RPT

Ruth is a Registered Piano Technician (RPT) of the national Piano Technicians Guild and a graduate of the 2 year Advanced Piano Technology program offered at North Bennet Street School in Boston's North End.

Ruth stays on the cutting edge of piano technology by attending classes and seminars frequently. She has been an instructor at National and Regional Piano Technician conferences, and has published in the Piano Technicians Guild Journal.

She is a specialist in polyester and a Damp-Chaser® Humidity Control System installation expert.



**Visa, Master Card, & American Express Accepted.**

**Piano tuning \$140.00**  
Block Island (please call for current rate)

**Pitch raise \$60.00** — Pianos that haven't been tuned in a while are often ten cents or more out of pitch and require two or more tunings to obtain a stable at-pitch tuning.

**Full & Half Day Service Visits** — a real bargain and a great way to combine a variety of services, which may include tuning, cleaning, case touchup, hammer shaping, and minor action regulation.

**Piano Life-Saver System installation** — Humidity Control Systems from Damp-Chaser® are the best in the business. Full system prices start at:  
\$485.00+tax, Upright —Technician Installation required  
\$525.00+tax, Grand —Technician Installation required

**QRS and PianoDisc calibration** —call for pricing

**Emergency Service Fee \$25.00** — Last minute tuning & repair. Mileage rates may be added in MA or CT

- Fully Insured -

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Piano Technicians Guild

Providing Superior Care since 1998



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



- Tuning
- Regulating
- Repairs
- Voicing
  - Cleaning
  - Rebuilding
  - Refinishing
  - Authorized Factory Service
  - Insurance Appraisals
  - Repair Estimates
- Purchase Consulting
- Sales Brokering
- QRS and PianoDisc Calibration
- Polyester Repair Specialist
- Case Repairs & Finish Touch-up
- Damp-Chaser® Humidity Control
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### The Piano

In addition to being a beautiful piece of furniture, the piano is a complex musical instrument with over 220 strings and a combined string tension load of over 35,000 lbs. The inner mechanism... called the action... is assembled with thousands of intricate springs, levers, and pads made from wood, metals, leather, wool felts, high tech carbon fiber, and other materials. It has been designed and engineered for over 300 years to bring you a unique acoustic sound and touch.

While electronic synthesizers may approximate the sound of an acoustic piano, they cannot approach the true beauty of the real thing.

### Basic Rules of Piano Care

- Keep your piano in tune – at a minimum yearly. Piano teachers, music studios, churches, schools, concert pianist require more frequent care
- Keep your piano clean.
- Maintain the piano's finish.
- Maintain the inner working of the piano.
- Maintain a fairly consistent temperature and humidity control.
- Play your piano regularly.
- Keep all liquids off of the piano.
- Select a piano technician with care.
- Use a professional piano mover.



### Servicing the Piano

Use an experienced, full-time, registered piano technician (RPT). A series of rigid testing must be completed to obtain a registered certification through the Piano Technician's Guild, which is a national non-profit organization of skilled craftsmen involved in continuing education through regular meetings and seminars. A seasoned pro that does this for a living will have all the special tools, knowledge, and advice to help keep your piano performing at its best. They can also work more efficiently, and make the proper recommendations to save you money in the long run.

### Some of the Institutions serviced by Ruth's Piano:

- Trinity Rep Theater
- Twin River Resort
- Brown Theater, Speech & Drama
- Rhode Island College
- Tanglewood
- Celebrity Cruise Lines
- Norwegian Cruise Lines
- Foxwoods Resort

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