

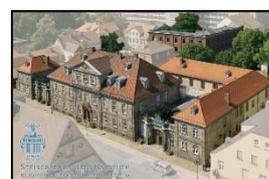


Steingraeber & Söhne

KLAVIERMANUFAKTUR IN BAYREUTH SEIT 1852

200 YEARS OF STEINGRAEBER PIANO HISTORY

- approx. 1820 Foundation of piano workshop Arnshauck, Thuringia, by Gottlieb Steingraeber. Christian Steingraeber runs his own organ-workshop at Rudolstadt, Thuringia
- 1830er **Eduard Steingraeber** (*1823), Son of Christian, apprenticed by his uncle Gottlieb at Neustadt
- 1846 Eduard Steingraeber works in the famous piano workshop of **Nannette Streicher in Vienna** and has his first contact to **Franz Liszt** becoming responsible for his concert service
- 1852 Eduard Steingraeber passes his master craftman's examination. Foundation of the pianoforte factory in Bayreuth
- 19th century Rapid development to become the largest piano factory in Bavaria at the service of the Royal House of Bavaria and the Dukes of Saxe-Coburg
- 1875 **Richard Wagner's** first personal order to deliver a piano
- 1876 First Bayreuth Festival, Steingraeber supplies pianos for the Festival and builds a Parsifal Bells Piano in 1881
- 1886 a "Pianino VI No.4477" is delivered to Lisbon: first documented "long-distance sale"
- 1886 delivery of a grand piano 200 (today C-212) No. 4328 to **Franz Liszt** - his last Steingraeber
- 1892 **George** (*1858) and **Burkhard** (*1866), sons of **Eduard Steingraeber**, join the company
- 1893 innovation of a new piano pedal function for Engelbert **Humperdinck's Steingraeber 200**. This 'half-blow-pedal' is still offered today
- 1896 first concert grand piano "**Concertflügel 265**" (today the E-272) – exhibition in Nuremberg where it gets a golden award
- 1900 Completion and deliver to the USA of **Opus n° 10.000**, a salon grand model 200 richly decorated with porcelain of Meissen
- 1901 **Imperial patent certificate** to Burkhard Steingraeber for the invention "grand piano mechanism with new repetition springs"
- 1919 Completion of **Opus n° 20.000**, a concert piano model VI
- 1920 Steingraeber & Söhne continues as a family-run business, managed by Burkhard Steingraeber's daughter **Lilly Steingraeber** (*1898) and her husband **Dr. Heinrich Herrmann**
- 1932 **Heinrich Schmidt** (*1911), nephew of Heinrich Herrmann, joins the company
- 1948/49 Production goes down to 3–8 pieces per year in the years until 1948! Mr Schmidt guarantees the survival of the company by production of radio casing for Grundig, Fürth
- 1951 Marriage of Heinrich Schmidt and Magdalena Thiem; as co-owner **Magdalene Schmidt** organizes the „Künstlerhaus (artist's house) Steingraeber“ (photo below in 2014, 97th birthday)
- 1966 Completion of **Opus n° 30.000**, a small upright model 107





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Lothar Thomma enters the construction team as only external

Concentration of the family enterprise on two owners **Heinrich and Magdalene Schmidt** - new beginning of grand piano production that was interrupted since 1940

Their son, **Udo Schmidt-Steingraeber**, becomes manager of the Steingraeber Company after his father's death

New constructions refer to models of Eduard and George Steingraeber - new ideas to alternative musical mechanisms complete the otherwise strictly classical way

first „Diapason d'Or“ in Paris and more **awards** like „Best“ or „One of the Best“

Cordelia Schmidt-Steingraeber, maiden name Prella, and Udo Schmidt-Steingraeber get married; they have two children, their son **Alban (*1994)** and their daughter **Fanny (*1997)** representing the 7th generation

Completion of **Opus 40 000**, an Concert Piano 130 Profi Studio

175 year anniversary since foundation in Neustadt/Orla

Innovation award for the first ceramic covered keyboard on the market, today advanced to mineral key tops

Celebration of the **150th anniversary** with 400 guests and a concert at the Bayreuth Margrave Opera House with Cyprien Katsaris at the E-272 - congratulators: Daniel **Barenboim**, Alfred **Brendel**, Kurt **Masur**, Federal President **Johannes Rau** and many more

New constructions of grand pianos completed: E-272 (2002/2003), D-232 (2008), C-212 (2009), B-192 (2011) und A-170 (2009)

The **Steingraeber „Flügelhaus“** (house for grand pianos) develops to a global house for artists and is awarded the **design prize „Seitensprünge“**

World novelties **carbon fibre sound board** and **SFM action**

Two Bavarian state awards for the new energy conservation system „Phoenix“ in March and for **Bluetooth controlled pedal for wheelchair users** in September

New Steingraeber-Renner aluminium action

Jura Margulis presents the new **Sordino function** at the master classes in Freiburg

presentation of the **Mozart Rail** at Musikmesse trade fair, Frankfurt, for continuous adjustment 8–10 mm touch depth

more and more festivals trust in Steingraeber pianos, e.g. Oberstdorfer Musiksommer, Festival Alpenklassik, and Vilnius Festival

Musikmesse: concert grand **lids with enhanced ability to vibrate / Sordino** with **switch function** to Sostenuto

Presentation of the **Transducer Grand Piano** with Quarter Tone Music, live electronics and adaptable temperaments

Further development of the transducer possibilities in cooperation with the **SWR Experimentalstudio** and Modartt who created a **virtual sound model** of the Steingraeber Concert grand piano E-272. Awarded the **Future Prize of the HWK Oberfranken**.

A Steingraeber **E-272 Transducer** at the **Donaueschinger Musiktage**

200th birthday of the company's founding in Neustadt an der Orla and Rudolstadt, celebrated with pianist **Elisabeth Leonskaja**

