## **RETAILER UPDATE**

## Steinway Gallery And Mercedes-Benz Celebrate Joint Anniversary



A STEINWAY TRI-CENTENNIAL Limited-Edition piano stands in front of the 1905 American Mercedes Simplex touring car.

AS PART OF ITS SPONSORSHIP of the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra, The Steinway Piano Gallery of Tallahassee joined with Capital Eurocars to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Steinway & Sons. Four grand pianos from the Steinway & Sons Crown Jewel Collection and a 1905 American Mercedes Simplex touring car were on display at the Capital Eurocars showrooms. Eurocars is the exclusive dealership for Mercedes-Benz automobiles in Tallahassee.

The connection between Mercedes-Benz and Steinway is not widely known and goes back to 1888 when a contract was signed between William Steinway and Gottlieb Daimler. This contract

## **BOSTON ORGAN & PIANO TOP SCHIMMEL DEALER**

SCHIMMEL PIANO RECENTLY honored Boston Organ & Piano (BOP) as its #1 dealer worldwide for the third straight year (2001-03). BOP was also the #1 dealer in 1999.



**NIKOLAUS SCHIMMEL** presents Boston Organ & Piano with its award. Pictured I-r are: Laura Thomason, product specialist; Gerald Teplitzky, v.p. of sales; Chip Wise, v.p., Schimmel U.S.; Kathleen Duguet; Nikolaus Schimmel; Anthony Totaro, founder of BOP; and product specialists Shannon Dillon, Roy Hanson, Peter Wells, and Joe Sica.

resulted in the "Daimler Motor Company" in New York and the manufacture of Daimler engines and products in America. While the term "immigrant plant" recently entered the automotive vernacular—referring to a U.S. factory in which "imported" cars are built—the idea isn't new. The first foreign car to be produced in this country was the American Mercedes in 1904.

## STEINERT'S TO OPEN IN WEST HARTFORD

BOSTON-BASED M. Steinert's & Sons has leased space for a new piano showroom in West Hartford, Connecticut. The 4,900-square-foot store, which will carry Steinway & Sons, Boston, Essex, and Kohler & Campbell pianos, is slated to open in late February.

Steinert's decision to expand south into the Hartford market was triggered by the bankruptcy of Clinton's Piano & Organ last year. "With the demise of Clinton's, there was a void in the market," said Paul Murphy, Steinert's president. "Also, we were able to secure the Steinway line for the market." Murphy selected the West Hartford location because of its proximinity to Hartford's more affluent suburbs and because of the location. "We were able to secure a prime space in downtown West Hartford with ample parking and great visibility," he added.

#### ACQUISITIONS

## WEST MUSIC BUYS SIMONS OF MOLINE

WEST MUSIC COMPANY, based in Coralville, Iowa, has acquired Simon's Music in nearby Moline, Illinois. John Simon, former owner of Simons, will continue with the company on a parttime basis as director of institutional sales.

With the acquisition of Simon's, West Music now operates eight locations in Iowa and two in Illinois. The purchase also gives the rest of the West Music chain access to the Steinway and Boston piano lines. "This is a perfect fit for us," said Steve West, West Music president. "Simon's strong piano presence complements our existing West Music store in Moline."



## STEINWAY PIANO GALLERY

October 18, 2001

Mr. Henry Z. Steinway Steinway & Sons Steinway Hall 109 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10019

Dear Mr. Steinway,

Thank you very much for taking the time to research the signatures on the inside cover of your father's book that I purchased and identifying these people so I would know who the signatures belonged to. I appreciate your solving this mystery for me. The book is a first edition and is also signed by your father on the Title page. As you mentioned in your letter to me, it is a great find. It will be respectfully placed in my Library next to the Ratcliffe "Steinway & Sons" and the Chapin "88 Keys" books that you autographed for me when my wife and I purchased a new Steinway "B" in 1999.

We are very proud to be the newest Steinway Piano Gallery representing the prestigious Steinway & Sons marque here in Tallahassee. We are looking forward to a long and successful relationship with your company. Please accept this as a standing invitation to pay us a visit should you come to Florida. My wife and I would be honored to have you sign the plate of our "B."

Thanks again,

C. Nick Vuillemot Manager

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C.Nick Vuillemot Steinway Piano Gallery 1345 Thomasville Road Talahassee, FL 32303

Dear Mr. Vuillemot -

Frank Mazurco showed me the enclosed which is a great find. Congratulations. It must have been an important event at the Jenkins Music Co., Kansas City. In case you are too young, Jenkins was an empire in the middle west, selling everything in music. Could be as early as 1953 when the book came out and there were many celebrations of S\$S 100th birthday.

Anyway, for what it is worth, here is who is involved, to the best of my 86 year old memory.

Clint Kanaga Jenkins financial guy, I think St. John don't know Paul Jenkins Pres. of Jenkins Wiktor Labunski (and wife) he was Polish born, head of the Kansas City conservatory. Roman de Majewski Steinway VP Sales (like Frank Mazurco) Emily and Fred Jenkins He was Treasurer of Jenkins co. Brackinread Don't know Gillespy and wife General Manager of Jenkins Don't know Kennedy Don't know Slava Martha and Walter Cook Don8t know Alexander W. Greiner Concert and Artist manager of Stewnway Sutherlands - Bill and wife Florence. He was the piano mgr. Riley Don't know Waverly and Vera Beltrand He was long time Jenkins piano man. managed some branch stores.

Always glad to see this great book by my father turn up in good hands.

Very best -

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Steinway & Sons Alma-Tadema, the most expensive new piano ever produced, was sold in 2002 by Jim Sims.

On Display at Tallahassee Antique Car Museum

Re-creation of piano built for 1939 World's Fair in New York.

The Peace Piano is now on world tour to benefit Unicef.

Sold by Jim Sims in 2004.

### STEINWAY PIANO GALLERY

#### THE ALMA-TADEMA BY STEINWAY & SONS

This legendary art-case piano is the most expensive new piano ever produced. It was sold in 2002 by Jim Sims.

#### THE PEACE PIANO BY STEINWAY & SONS

A re-creation of Walter Dorwin Teague design. The original art deco piano was built for the US Pavilion at the 1939 World's Fair in New York. It was sold in 2004 by Jim Sims.

> Presently on world tour to help promote Unicef's relief efforts.

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May be seen at the Tallahassee Antique

Car Museum.

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Being a Steinway Piano Gallery dealer sets us apart. It means we have exceeded the high standards required by Steinway & Sons in over 20 different areas.



Our staff of Steinway-trained personnel is here to assist you in selecting the correct piano for your home or business. We have any number of pianos on display in our Selection Room that will meet the requirements of the professional, as well as, the beginning pianist. You can play and select from pianos ranging from a nine-foot concert grand to a five foot, one-inch baby grand. Our selection of upright pianos ranges from 42 to 52-inches in height.

Your piano purchase includes – at no extra charge – tuning of your piano before it leaves our floor. In addition, the delivery to your home or business, is included at no charge, along with two more tunings at your home or business. These tunings take place at 30 days and six months after delivery.

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#### STEINWAY THE PIANO STANDARD OF THE WORLD

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When you select a Steinway, or a Steinway-designed Boston or Essex piano, you are making an investment.

Historically, Steinway pianos appreciate rather than depreciate in value each year. A Steinway piano in your home creates a legacy for generations to come.

We can help arrange tours of the Steinway factory in Long Island City, N.Y. and of the legendary Steinway Hall in Manhattan. If you wish, we can also arrange a trip to the Selection Room at the Steinway Hall.

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If you should choose to upgrade to a Steinway grand within ten years – you can get your money back in trade.

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Steinway & Sons gives a certificate to the original purchaser of a Boston or Essex piano that will allow their money back in trade on a new Steinway grand piano within ten years from the date of purchase. This certificate is good at any participating Steinway dealer in North America and at Steinway Hall in New York.