

Hi everyone

Many will know that the school hall was hit by flood water when the tank burst in the front of the building. The school Steinway Piano was not damaged by the flood but it had suffered for a while due to lack of use and the dampness of the school hall.

The piano had to be moved out of the school for safe keeping until the hall was repaired. This has taken longer than expected as a second flood hit the hall and the floor had to be lifted and the joists replaced.

The piano is an early model of the Steinway Model D. The piano can be rebuilt back to a first class instrument worthy of any pianist on any stage.

The piano is suffering from age-related issues, as we all are:

The soundboard is split and now in a concave shape.

The tuning plank is split and not holding tune.

The bridges are split and need recapping

The legs are not original and actually not safe, the piano is currently in trestles because of this. These should be replaced for legs in keeping of its age and model.

The action is completely worn out, has no regulation and is impossible to play correctly.

The keys are extremely worn.

The dampers are worn.

The casework is worn, knocked and chipped.

The piano needs the following work carried out:

New soundboard

New tuning plank

New bridge cappings

Regild frame and sign write

New frame-bearing cloths

New strings throughout

New legs and pedal mechanism

New high gloss casework

Restore keyboard, new key bushings, new tharan key coverings, new checks

Complete new action, new levers, shanks, rollers and hammerheads

New damper action

New damper felts

Weigh action to 52g

Regulate to specification

Voice to Steinway tone

This will cost £30,000 + VAT

The piano in its current condition is worth around £4000 to £5000

Fully rebuilt it will be worth £90,000

To purchase a brand new model D steinway £180,000

The school is now in a dilemma as to what to do with the piano and are looking for suggestions. Do they sell it in its current state? Do they have it repaired and then sell it? Or do they keep it in storage? It would be a shame to lose the piano but then again no one in the school plays the piano now and therefore if it is eplaced in the school it will continue to deteriorate.

Storage costs money and it is currently in the South of England. They are looking for suggestions, donors or even people that wish to buy it.

Please can you help

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