Richard's Piano Service

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2008 Price List

Service	Includes	Price Each[1]	Program Price[2]
Service Call	1) For consultation, piano inspection, and/or estimates with no work involved. 2) Also added to any visit where repairs or regulation was done but no tuning. (This covers gasoline and vehicle expense only).	$20	N/A[4]
Standard Tuning	**Service call, Piano inspection, Measure A's, and when no Pitch raise is required. Time = about 2.0 - 2.5 hours**	**$65**	**N/A**
Mileage (if over 15 miles away)	**Add mileage rate of .50/mile both ways for distances greater than 15 miles away. (No mileage charged for distances less than 15 miles away). Distance calculated from approx. I-44 and Exit 150.**	**.50/mile each way**	**N/A**
Pitch Raise	Raising the pitch of all piano strings for any flat or sharp deviation of >5 cents. See definitions below since some pianos require multiple pitch raises. Time = 45 min. each.	$20	N/A
Program Tuning #1 (2 Pre-scheduled Tunings per year)	Special rate: Scheduled standard tunings - twice yearly. (save $5/tune)	$60	$120
Program Tuning #2 (4 Pre-scheduled Tunings per year)	Special rate: Scheduled standard tunings - four times yearly. (Save $10/tune)	$55	$220
Dampp-Chaser Installation	Installation of a humidity control system. See the description below. Price is dependent on the system ordered. Time = about 1.5 – 3 hours depending on the system.	Quoted based on current system cost for your piano	N/A
Program Tuning #3	Same as Program Tuning #2 plus case cleaning and Dampp-Chaser checks/maintenance.	$60	$240
Repair (Labor Rate)	**General Repairs at $25.00/hour. Estimates are provided. Replacement parts are extra.**	**$25/Hr. + parts**	**N/A**
Cleaning	Cleaning behind/under strings, vacuum case, and under keybed. (Add service call of $20 to this price if piano is not tuned at that time).	$35	N/A
String Replacement[3]	Plain wire strings (string + labor only)	$20	N/A
String Replacement[3]	Wound string uni-chords (lowest bass. One string per note) (Incl. string, labor, & callback)	$50	N/A
String Replacement[3]	Wound string bi-chords (bass. Two strings per note) (Incl. strings, labor, & callback)	$70	N/A

String Replacement[3]	Wound string tri-chords (tenor. Three strings per note) (strings, labor, & callback)	$85	N/A
Regulation	Action regulation as defined below. Hourly Repair Rate.	$25/Hr.	N/A
Estimates	Free phone estimates. Estimates requiring a visit may be subject to service call of $20.	$0 - $20	N/A

Footnotes:

[1]"Price Each" is cost for a single call for service.

[2]"Program Price" is the cost for pre-scheduled service at the arranged intervals. Program price is the yearly cost to the piano owner. I will call to schedule the service at the appropriate intervals.

[3]To provide the best sound, broken bass strings have to be manufactured for the piano. This is particularly true for bi-chord (2 string unisons) or tri-chords (3 string unisons). Even if one string is broken, all strings of the unison should be replaced. A low cost option is to splice the strings when possible, rather than replacing them. Non-wound strings I would have on hand, but must order wound strings and replace at a later date.

[4]N/A means Not Applicable

Definitions:

Cents: Piano technicians use this numerical term to define how sharp or flat a note is compared to its theoretical pitch. In practical terms, the difference in pitch of two notes that are side by side on the piano, (one half step, say A to A#), is 100 cents.

Pitch Raise: The large metal plate on pianos is subject to some 20,000+ pounds of pull by the strings. Pianos are designed for pitch at A440 Hz. This affects down-bearing on the plate and bridges and crown of the soundboard. The steel plate that supports the strings is strong, but still undergoes some distortion when major pitch changes occur. Thus, during a pitch raise, the string tensions on one part of the piano will change as another part is pulled up to tension. This of course changes the pitch and the tuning. Thus, the entire piano needs to be brought up to pitch before it can be tuned. This is termed "pitch raise". Pianos that are seriously flat may need two or three pitch raises to render them stable. Pianos that are this flat also have some risk for string breakage, particularly if strings are older than 25 years.

Dampp-Chaser Humidity Control System: In many areas of the country, the relative humidity changes quite extensively between winter and summer. The relative hydration of pianos changes with these swings in humidity. The Dampp-Chaser Piano Life Saver system provides some stabilization of these swings. The system includes humidifiers and dehumidifiers that are governed by a humidistat. These components stabilize piano humidity in the 40-50% range, close to the piano ideal of 42%. Vertical and grand systems are available. These systems tend to stabilize tuning, pin block and sound board structure. More information can be obtained at www.dampp-chaser.com.

Regulation: Regulation is the process of adjusting the keys and action so the piano plays optimally and evenly. You can find out more about regulation at www.RichardsPianoService.org.