

2016 Syracuse AGO Tuning & Maintenance Seminar Pipe Organs, Pianos, and Harpsichords

Saturday, May 21st, 2016
10:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M. with a Free Lunch!

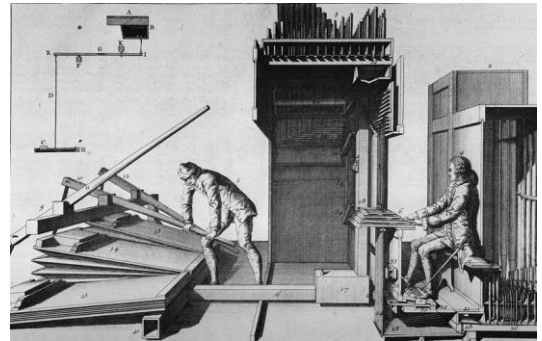
Hosted by:
Park Central Presbyterian Church
504 E Fayette Street
Syracuse, New York 13202

Talks and demonstrations by:
Ryan J Boyle – Pipe Organs
Alan Lynch – Pianos
Ben Merchant - Harpsichords

In the world of acoustic keyboard instruments, there is a lot of lingo, and many variables factor in to proper maintenance. Learn from our local experts. See the instruments up close, and ask questions. See the tools of the trade, and how they're used. Many topics will be covered and a great deal of information presented. Each presenter will have a handout and a Q&A session.

Pipe Organs – Ryan J Boyle

- Basics of pipe construction, tuning, seasonal temperature & humidity swings
- Basic types of wind chests, their pros and cons
 - Temperaments and re-pitching
- The scope of a typical tuning & maintenance visit
 - How to effectively communicate with your technician
 - Modern technology in Pipe Organs



Pianos – Alan Lynch

- How to keep your piano in top playing shape
 - Soundboard Cracks – Is this the end?
 - The environmental 'killer' of pianos
 - How to select a used piano
- When to accept (or not accept) a donated piano
- Voicing – How is it different from tuning?
 - How piano value is determined
- New developments in piano technology
- See the action of a piano and learn the fundamentals of upright vs. grand actions

Harpsichords – Ben Merchant

- Tuning & maintaining harpsichords
- Adjusting the “action” of the harpsichord
- Historic Temperaments – Who uses them and why
 - Demonstration of tuning and setting temperaments

