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Subject: Autism and Audio

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My son is slightly autistic.

One of the things about him that is different is his amazing hearing. I haven't tested it yet, but I think he could probably hear bats! I know that he can tell when I've turned on the TV upstairs when he is in the basement. I can't hear it standing next to it, but he says it has a particular sound he can hear. Now that he's older and learned to deal with being bombarded by sounds, it's not nearly as bad, but as you can imagine, his childhood was a little hellish.

Of course he is a musician and has perfect pitch. This is both a blessing and a curse. He plays the piano, violin, cello and recorder. On the instruments he can tune himself, things are great. But for a piano, that can lose its tune every change of season? And that require special people with specialized tools to tune? Oh terrible.

Turns out, however, that electric pianos have come a long way. You can buy an electric piano that looks and sounds and plays like a real grand piano. The keys are weighted the same. The finish and styles are equally as wonderful. And they never go out of tune! Of course they cost as much as real grand pianos, but not more. So if you have a serious musician, I whole-heartedly recommend digital pianos.

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