
Subject: Piano tuning
Posted by [SoundCheck](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2011 03:08:30 GMT
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We have a piano at home and it has been with us for more than a decade now. From what I remember, it has gone through a tuning-up only twice or thrice...How often should a piano be tuned? Also, how true is it that changes in humidity significantly causes pianos to go out of tune?

Subject: Re: Piano tuning
Posted by [MusicDiva](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2011 03:53:17 GMT
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I think it depends on how much you play, but my dad's a l've always heard twice a year is fine. As I'm sure you know, it takes a really long time to tune so unless you play a lot and want to do it, it's not really worth your time

Subject: Re: Piano tuning
Posted by [Bill Wassilak](#) on Mon, 11 Apr 2011 00:37:02 GMT
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I agree with MusicDiva,
The piano we had in our living room when I was growing up, my mom would always have it tuned twice a year. The worst things for acoustic piano's is moving them, varying tempature and humidity differentals. Most professional rock bands like Elton John and the Rolling Stones always carried there own personal piano tuners when they were touring, and he would have to tune the piano's before the show started. But for home 2x a year is fine.

Subject: Re: Piano tuning
Posted by [Thermionic](#) on Sat, 16 Apr 2011 22:31:57 GMT
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Howdy SoundCheck,

They make a gizmo with a heater and a humidifier controlled by a humidistat, that mounts inside the piano. If the humidity rises too high, a heater kicks on to dry it out, and the humidifer of course does the opposite. It's not only supposed to stabilize the tuning, but also greatly extend the life of the piano. The last I knew they were around 600 bucks, but I guess if somebody played a lot and their house had wide temp/humidity swings, it'd eventually pay for itself.

I knew somebody who put one of the heater bars in their new piano (it's very humid here in Arkansas), and it constantly went out of tune just as bad after it was installed as before. But, it was a really terrible piano, and I don't think anything could've helped it much, besides maybe pushing it off a cliff. .

Thermionic
