

Piano Technology Seminar with Fred Redekop

The Vancouver Island Chapter of the Piano Technicians Guild will be hosting a one day seminar in Nanaimo on July 30th featuring Fred Redekop from Winnipeg.

Using hands-on demonstrations, Fred will take us through the steps of thorough regulation and fine voicing that are required to bring an instrument to concert level. The key is a thorough understanding of concepts, and the application of techniques and skills through hands on experience and practice. The seminar focuses on what to do for proper regulation and voicing and how best to do this through effective use of your tools and techniques.

Fred has been a technician for 40 years and has benefitted from specialized concert tech training at Steinway (New York), Yamaha (Hamamatsu) and Bösendorfer (Vienna). Fred has been a long standing member of Yamaha Canada's legendary "Tech Team" - a group of highly trained piano commandos who parachute into music schools and universities across the country, whipping pianos into shape for advanced teaching and performances. He is a sought-after presenter at piano technicians conferences and has taught at regional, national and international conventions. He has a busy schedule as technician for the University of Manitoba, but also makes time for private clients. As a serious musician, he approaches his work with a musician's sensibility.

In his own words: "In all these experiences the goal was always the same; to produce a wonderful tone and touch through skill, knowledge and a variety of techniques. I'm extremely pleased when I have the opportunity to share some of this knowledge and experience with others. I guarantee we'll all learn a lot."

What: A Day with Fred Redekop

When: Sunday, July 30th, 2017

Where: Nanaimo Conservatory of Music, 375 Selby St, downtown Nanaimo, BC

Time: 10.00 am to 5.30 pm

Arrive at 10 am for registration, coffee and mingling; the event begins at 10.30 sharp.

\$100.- general admission

\$60.- for PTG Members

Cost for the seminar includes lunch and coffee/refreshments.

Registration is required, please pay at the door.

Reserve your spot for this unique opportunity now by contacting:

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Those arriving by ferry from the mainland need not bring a car; walk-on passengers can be picked up at the terminals on the Nanaimo side

Departure from Horseshoe Bay at 8.30 am

Departure from Tsawwassen at 7.45 am

After the seminar, we can retire to the Taphouse Restaurant and Pub next door for dinner and socializing. Return ferries to the mainland are at 7.30/9.30 Departure Bay, 8.15 Duke Point.

For out of town techs who want to stay over, we recommend the Painted Turtle Guest House or the Howard Johnson, both are within walking distance.