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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Members,

It was good to see all who made it to our party at the Worthington Inn on Saturday, January 19th. Mark Ritchie arranged for a very nice room and buffet for us. Richard Lopez and Roger Hines played dinner music for the evening. I enjoyed visiting and even got to dance with my wife. I was pleased with the response of those I spoke with. All enjoyed the evening. Sorry, we didn't have a grand for Richard. Maybe next year.

I am looking forward to our next meeting at Graves on February 19th. We will have Mark Ritchie and Victor Wolfe give the "Life And Times As A Piano Technician" talk for our technical. As I may have mentioned before, a lot of information about the beginnings of the Columbus Chapter has been mentioned in these talks so we will again make a video and put the DVD in our library so we can pass on some of our history as a chapter in Columbus. I have asked Victor and Mark to include why they became interested in tuning and how they promote their business. The rest will be up to them. I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

John Schmoll RPT

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**Post-Holiday Dinner
The Worthington Inn**



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Nocturnes For Pachyderms

British born pianist Paul Barton is an accomplished musician and artist who also has a passion for wild life, particularly elephants. So much so, that he dragged a piano up into the mountains in Thailand to play music for them and raise money for the sanctuary where they live. Many of the elephants are blind, disabled, sick or abandoned performers. He and his wife, Khwan, a wild life artist, have worked with disabled elephants for years. Below are some clips of him playing to this select audience. The first two are shorter clips, and the third is a twelve minute video diary of some of this experience.



http://youtu.be/RKcks_4uLmA



<http://youtu.be/p5KoN54culM>



<http://youtu.be/0qQ2FhDwzVM>

RadioPianoRocketMan

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Arguably the highlight of the 2013 NAMM convention in Anaheim, California was the performance put on by Elton John on Friday evening (Jan. 25). Held off-site at the Hyperion Theater in Disney's California Adventure theme park for specially invited Yamaha guests, the performance featured a breakthrough technology being demonstrated on a global scale for the very first time.

It's called Yamaha's Disklavier TV and RemoteLive Technology, and in a nutshell, it allowed for the sending of all of Elton John's keystrokes to remote pianos stationed across the globe in real time.

Chris Gero, who founded Yamaha's in-house label Yamaha Entertainment Group and has headed up Artist Relations for Yamaha for almost 2 decades, produced the concert. He told Spinner that "this technology represents an all-new level of interactivity when it comes to performance. It totally changes the game. To be able to transmit like this is just the beginning and when Elton heard about the technology he stepped right up and said he wanted to be the guy to deliver it for the first time. Doing this in partnership with Elton John, we feel, is the perfect way to celebrate Yamaha's 125th anniversary."

Though the audience wasn't able to see what the other pianos were doing around the world, stationed in various cities for listening parties, presumably they were replicating John's stellar performance.



Frazer Harrison, Getty Images for Yamaha

<http://youtu.be/KGqe9UjPanc>



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*Contributions and pictures for
the Buckeye Backcheck and the
web page are always welcome,
(even if they are only
peripherally related to pianos)!
- Chris Burget*

Upcoming Events

Chapter Meeting

Tuesday
February 19, 2013
7:30pm

Graves Piano & Organ Co.
5798 Karl Road
Columbus, OH 43229

www.gravespianos.com

Map Link:

<http://goo.gl/maps/hoXHi>

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