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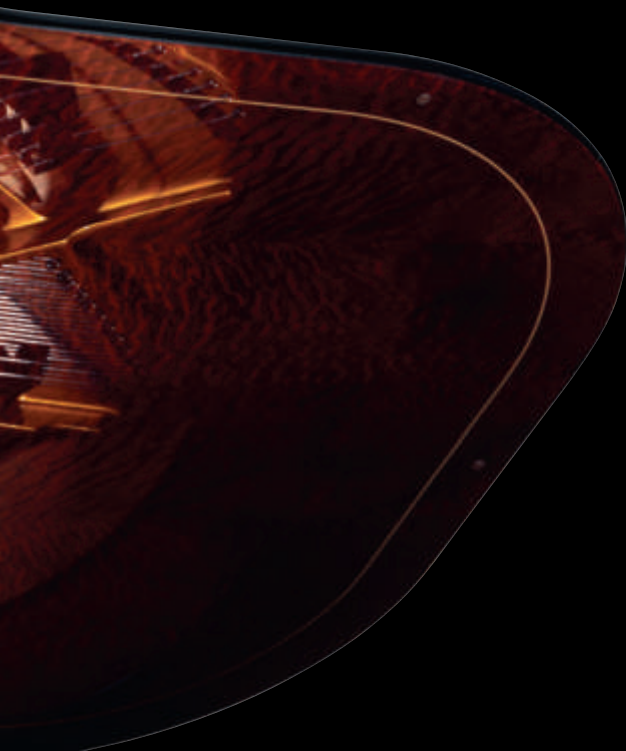


**The Art
of Piano Building**



NIKOLAUS W. SCHIMMEL EDITION

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Lifetime Partnership

In 1952 I began to learn the art of piano building and in 1961 I took the Chair of our company, which was founded by my late grandfather Wilhelm Schimmel in Reudnitz near Leipzig in 1885.

Today Schimmel is Number One among the great brands of Piano manufacturers in Germany still being controlled and managed by family members of the company's founder.

Schimmel grands are built to last. With an elegant tone quality and outstanding excellence in design, their extraordinary attributes have gained them world wide recognition. Owning and playing a Schimmel grand piano is truly a joy.

Individually Certified

Based on over 50 years of experience my team and I created a Special Edition series of beautiful grands which are second to none. Their uniqueness is individually certified in each instrument with my personal signature and also documented in writing in a separate certificate.

Grands par Excellence

The instruments of the Nikolaus W. Schimmel Special Edition originate from Braunschweig, today's center of piano building in Germany. These grands feature the best of Old-World Craftsmanship and they represent my personal vision of fine artistry in making excellent instruments.



Nikolaus W. Schimmel

Nikolaus W. Schimmel
Braunschweig, January 2005



Exquisite and Elegant

These instruments are symbols of the extraordinary. They are masterpieces of excellence. The traditional ebony matches perfectly with the reddish-brown color of Muschelhorn (quilted maple) in striking polyester high gloss. The brass trimmings add to the beauty of these grands.

Heavy duty castors feature protective wheel coverings and locking devices (front castors only).

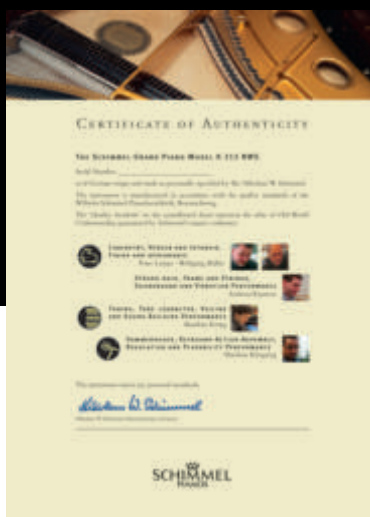
The matching bench provides easy height adjustment and a comfortable upholstery in genuine leather.





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Along with each Nikolaus W. Schimmel Special Edition Grand comes a CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY confirming the origin of the instrument and its uniqueness.



What the Instruments Offer

- Mastership in the art of making fine grands
- unique classical design by Nikolaus W. Schimmel
- crafted by the most experienced piano makers
- personally signed by Nikolaus W. Schimmel
- designed with outstanding musical qualities
- perfected with extra attention to voicing and regulation
- precise and reliable playability
- large musical range of tonal colors
- wide dynamic spectrum for interpreting music
- soundboard personally selected by Nikolaus W. Schimmel
- Schimmel action-keyboard-assembly
- Schimmel made keyboard with sharps made of real ebony wood
- only the finest materials
- strikingly beautiful ebony high gloss finish combined with Muschelhorn (quilted maple) in red-brown high gloss
- handcrafted veinline inlays of genuine box wood
- application in glossy brass on legs and lyre
- front stretcher decorating strip
- open music desk design
- Nikolaus W. Schimmel logo in fall board
- matching artist bench with leather top
- unique soft close lid system.



Personally Selected

The soundboard is the soul of a fine piano. Therefore Mr. N. W. Schimmel personally decides which wood and soundboards are used for 'his' Nikolaus W. Schimmel Edition Grands. This is one more reason why these instruments – carrying the name and signature of Mr. N. W. Schimmel – are unique.



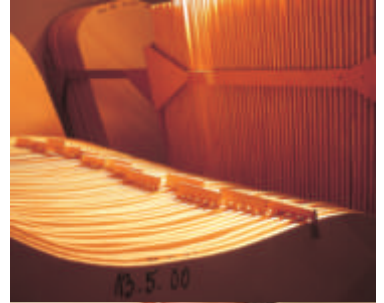


Origin of Quality:

Nikolaus W. Schimmel checking soundboard spruce.



Aging process of the soundboards.



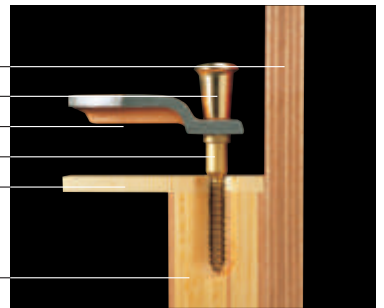
Checking the moisture content of the wood.



Components of Excellence:

Cross cut of the rim design:

- Outer rim _____
- Decorative screw head _____
- Cast iron frame _____
- Plate setting screw _____
- Soundboard _____
- Inner rim formed out of numerous layers of heavy wood and firmly glued to each other _____



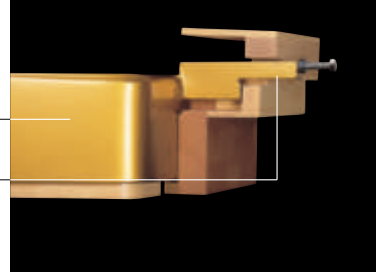
Cross cut of the pin block area at the treble end:

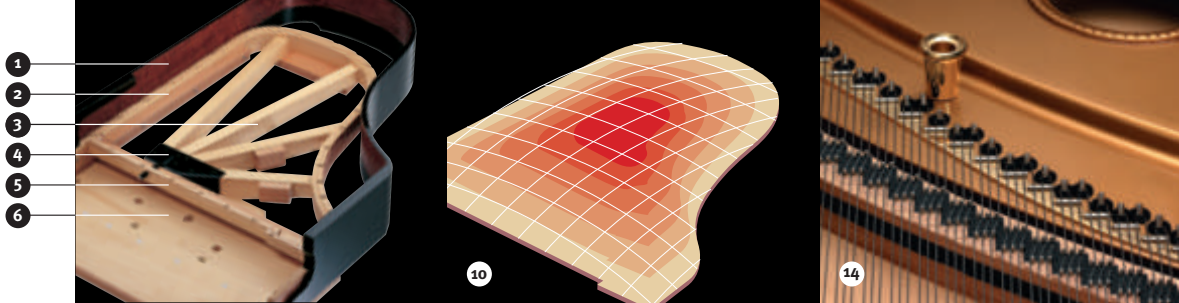
- The cast iron frame _____
- Tuning pins _____
- Capo d'astro bar _____
- Steel rod inlay in capo d'astro _____
- Schimmel ply wood pin block _____



Tension collector representing a major component of the Schimmel strung-back-assembly:

- Heavy cap _____
- Holding the posts of the inner rim and connecting with a finger to the pin block area of the cast iron frame. _____





24 Good Reasons

The back assembly provides the solid structural foundation for the sound board. It is composed of the outer rim (1) and inner rim (2) both firmly glued to each other. The arrangement of the back posts (3) centered in the tension collection shoe (4) connects directly to the cast iron frame (not shown), the heavy back bar (5) and the sound active keybed (6).

Tri-dimensionally crowned sound board with the largest thickness of material in its center area of highest vibration (red zone) and tapered to its outer edges providing a 'membrane effect'.

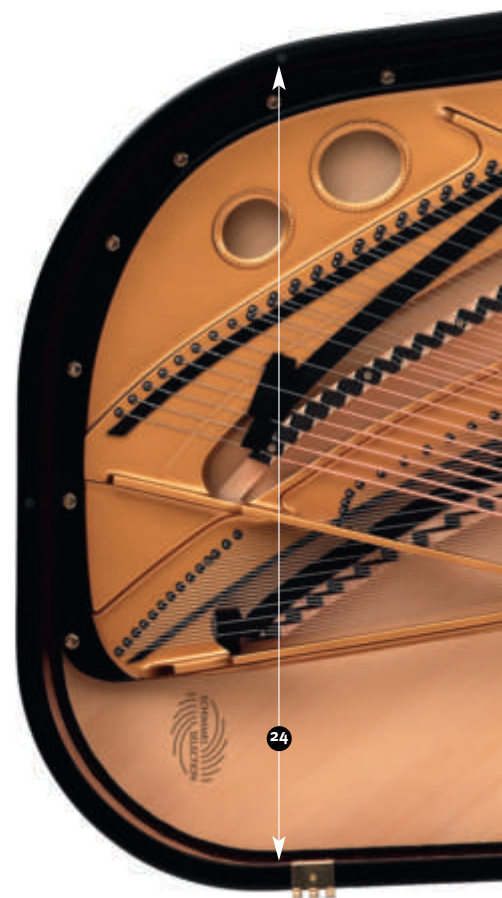
The Triplex parts behind the bridge area are processed in CNC technology and made from solid brass combined with steel pins positioned in little slots.

- 7 Bass bridge at optimum position
- 8 CAPE* designed cast iron frame
- 9 Signature Nikolaus W. Schimmel
- 10 Soundboard personally selected by N. W. Schimmel
- 11 Weight reduced treble bridge
- 12 CAPE* designed Schimmel scale
- 13 Soft close system rear top lid
- 14 Schimmel Triplex elements behind the treble bridge
- 15 Triplex system in front of the capodastro bar
- 16 Tuning pin area with Schimmel pin block
- 17 Schimmel keyboard-action-assembly
- 18 Renner damper heads
- 19 Abel hammer heads
- 20 Renner action
- 21 Schimmel keyboard
- 22 Sharps made of ebony wood
- 23 Soft close system for fall board
- 24 Wide body design

* CAPE: Computer assisted Piano Engineering

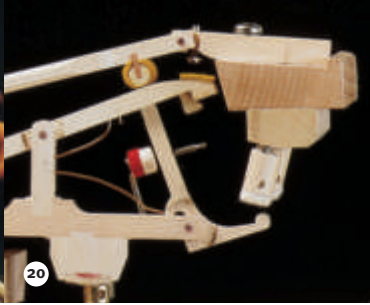


A soft close lid system makes the heavy main lid move slowly on the last two inches of its way to its closed rest position.





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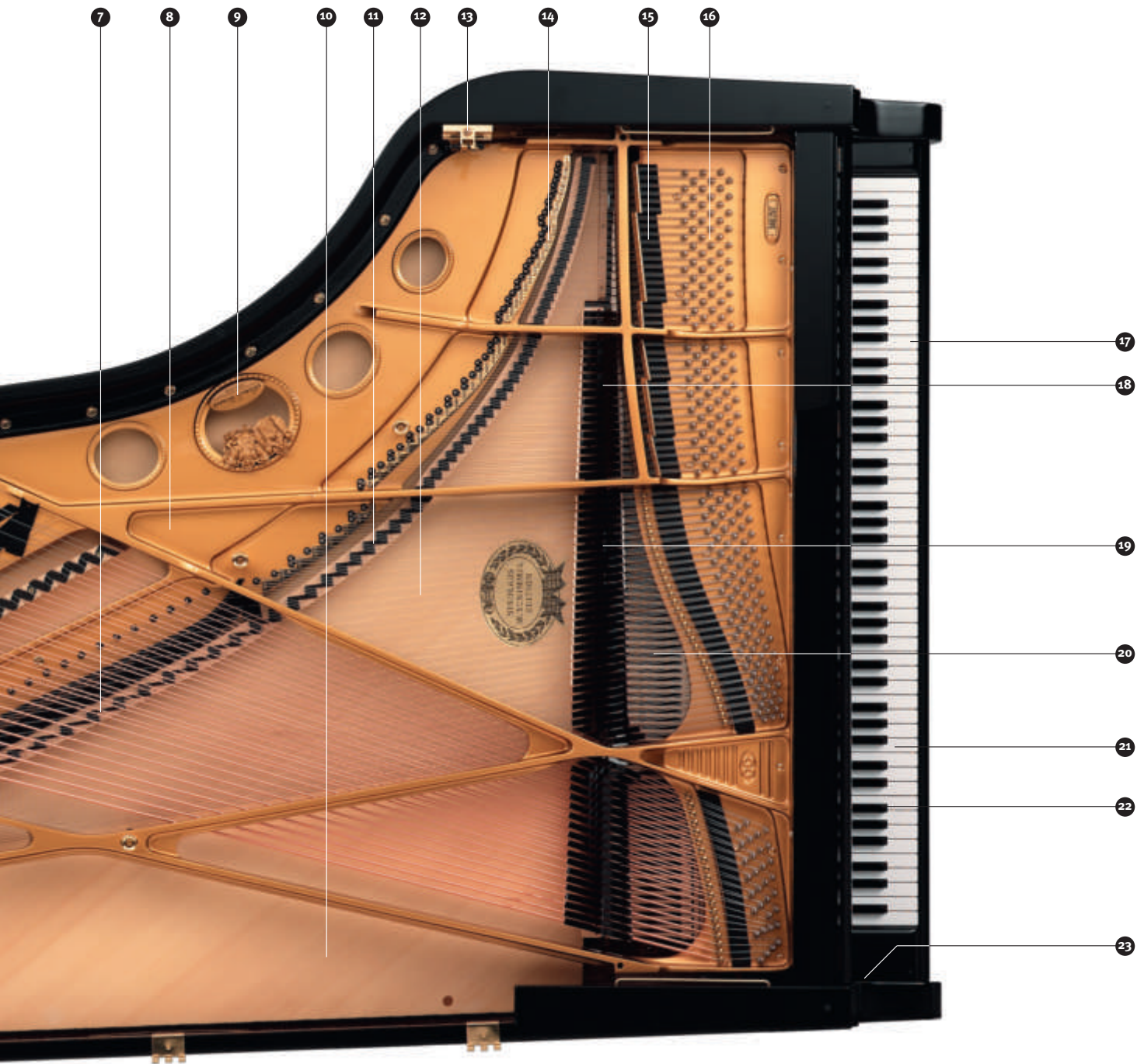


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Each Schimmel keyboard-action-assembly is a work of art and precision, made from over 10,000 pieces carefully put together and perfectly regulated by Schimmel's master craftsmen.

The repetition lever in the action of the Schimmel keyboard-action-assembly guarantees the reliability of fast hammer blows.

The keyboard provides intimate access to the instrument. But what looks so simple at first glance is indeed very complex, so there are good reasons for Schimmel to manufacture its own keyboards – the vital link to the keyboard-action-assembly in Schimmel grands.



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