

This is a 1929 XR Steinway in the Spanish style hand-carved artcase, with matching bench. It is a very rare and expensive reproducing Duo-Art grand which has been fully restored by Craig Brougher.

By fully restored, we mean it has been totally overhauled, with a new pin plank, restored soundboard and bridges, strings and pins. It has new Renner hammers and a brand-new finish, done exactly like the factory finished this particular piano over 80 years ago.

The Duo-Art mechanism was also fully restored to very specific performance standards for each note, after all old soft materials had been replaced and the player regulated initially on the bench. The piano action also is specially regulated, optimized for the reproducing mechanism which plays it. This is not a tradeoff with hand play performance, by the way. It is just more difficult to make each note play with almost the same strike weight, and to repeat better than the average “concert regulation” used for hand play only. Then the reproducing mechanism is regulated again in the piano, to each individual note.

Musically, Craig is a classically trained musician, having been a personally hand-picked student of Dr. Victor Lubunski, head of the Kansas City Conservatory of music in the 50's, and while not a professional musician today, is still very particular about his music and his pianos. This, he believes, is probably the most important factor regarding the way in which his pianos play. The difference between good and excellent is many very tiny changes made throughout which are not covered in any manual and must be learned by experience with a trained musical ear.

He is especially pleased with this beautiful artcase Steinway and the raves and reception it received when it arrived at its destination. I think you will enjoy it too and agree with Craig, that this is an exceptional instrument musically. In this digital CD you are going to hear old, original rolls play again, as was originally intended. Remember also that these rolls are all over 80 years old and still playing!