

Complete Piano Service - Eric Johnson RPT July 2023

Philosophy

- See pianos as a whole
- Bring tone and touch out by removing blocks
- Higher up the totem pole, the better the experience
- This profession has its share of challenges and rewards
- Don't wait for experience to teach you
- Actively develop your aural acuity
- Respect the maker
- Work (accept) what you have to work with

Doing

- No teflon powder
- travel (round file for Steinway)
- None of this works by formula - you have to make it your own
- Not just better than...A LOT better than
- Hammers are all different
- Have *just the right* number of tools

Tools

- knuck jac
- screwdrivers
- pliers
- glue
- home depot
- front rail punchings
- more than 1 light
- Heat

Skills

- String replace
 - No 3 fingers, start with 7cm
- splice
- repin
- hammer shank
- leg jack
- <https://www.ptg.org/education>

Road Map

- Clean and freshen
 - vacuum'
 - lube (sparingly)
 - keybed
 - action shim?
- Tone enhancers
 - jack position
 - blow
 - spring
 - dip
- Tone Killers
 - UPSTOP RAIL!
 - early spring compression
 - shallow dip
 - on cushions
- Voicing
 - Tools
 - Where's Waldo - good and bad
 - leave small grooves
 - board/block

Notes

- Bring out rather than put in
- Do no harm
- Work with what you have
- See the piano as a whole
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- Don't wait for experience