

# Why Should I Be A Member Of The Piano Technicians Guild?



The Piano Technicians Guild, Inc. (PTG) is the largest non-profit organization serving piano tuners and technicians throughout the world. Formed in 1957 by the merger of the American Society of Piano Technicians and the National Association of Piano Tuners, the Guild was organized to promote the highest possible service and technical standards among piano tuners and technicians.

As a member of PTG you'll receive timely information on piano manufacturing technology as well as tuning and servicing techniques that will help you use your time more efficiently.

You'll be able to communicate with other professionals who share your problems and concerns, and you'll benefit from our group rates for various insurance policies. In addition, you'll become a part of a vast network of individuals and industry organizations who work together towards related goals.

PTG counts among its members a wide variety of professionals. Our organization consists of individuals who service pianos in homes and concert halls, studio technicians, rebuilders, designers, manufacturers, retailers, and enthusiasts.

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You'll look forward each month to receiving your copy of the Piano Technicians Journal. It contains a wealth of technical information ranging from useful hints to in-depth instruction on tuning, repairing and rebuilding.

PTG sponsors an annual international technical institute where members gather to share their knowledge, skills and experiences. Seminars and workshops are presented by both members and manufacturers to address a wide variety of subjects related to servicing and rebuilding instruments of various makes, models and vintage.

Typical seminar subjects have included string scaling, action analysis, action regulation, tuning, soundboard replacement, finish touchup, computers and health concerns.

Conference programs also include classes on how to better manage your business and make it more profitable. Additional educational opportunities are available through local, state and regionally sponsored meetings and conferences.

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The governing body of the Piano Technicians Guild is a Council of Delegates chosen by chapters to represent all franchised members at an annual business meeting. The Board of Directors is composed of a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and seven Regional Vice Presidents.

The Board meets twice a year to conduct business within the Council's framework of bylaws, policies and guidelines.

Member dues and revenue from the sale of business aids, technical publications and other educational programs and materials support the Piano Technicians Guild.

There are nearly 160 chapters located throughout the Guild's seven regions and all Registered Piano Technicians and Associates must be members of a local chapter.

Because PTG adheres to a strict code of conduct, members are asked to conform to a set of ethical standards.

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**We hope you plan to become a member of PTG - an association dedicated to expanding your knowledge and enjoyment of your work, and committed to helping you reach your professional and financial goals.**



## Registered Piano Technician (RPT)

This category of membership is recognized throughout the world. It designates its recipient as one qualified to service instruments in homes and for a variety of professional uses. In order to establish a minimum standard for acceptable piano service, PTG has designed a comprehensive series of exams that an Associate member must pass in order to become an RPT. To qualify as an RPT, applicants must pass written, tuning and technical exams with a minimum passing score of 80% on each exam section. The written exam is given at the local chapter level at no charge. The tuning and technical exams are available at conventions and seminars, at regional exam sites, and at some local chapters. There is a fee for both the technical and tuning exams.

Upon successful completion of all three examinations, applicants attain the status of Registered Piano Technician with all the benefits of Associate membership as well as:

- The right to vote and to be represented in Council.
- The right to hold any office in the PTG.
- The full authorization to use the PTG logo and RPT designation in advertising and printed material.
- Worldwide recognition of competency to service instruments for amateur and professional use.
- Special brochures and materials designed to answer frequently asked questions about piano maintenance and servicing.

## Associate Member

This general membership category is designed specifically to include everyone who supports the goals and purposes of the Piano Technicians Guild. It is not necessary to work as a tuner-technician to become an Associate member.

Your Associate membership entitles you to:

- An annual subscription to the Piano Technicians Guild (also available on audio cassette for the visually impaired.)
- Specially designed insurance plans including tool and bailee, liability, life, medical and dental coverage.
- Discounts on annual conference and local seminar registration fees, merchandise from the PTG Store and other services and goods.
- Eligibility to take the Registered Piano Technician exams.

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**The Piano Technicians Guild offers a unique experience to its members. It is a non-profit organization of dedicated individuals working together to better their abilities and their profession. Through these efforts, they make substantial contributions to our musical culture and to preservation of the piano's musical heritage.**

To obtain an application, contact:

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## Publications & Merchandise

Piano Technicians Guild (PTG) members receive a free subscription to the monthly Piano Technicians Journal -- the premier trade publication for piano technicians. The Journal offers a wide range of technical articles each month authored by the best in the business.

Tuning, repairs, rebuilding techniques and better ways to serve our customers are covered in-depth each month.

PTG members also receive discounts on merchandise in the PTG Store. From reference guides to consumer education, business aids to wearing apparel, PTG offers many ways to help you educate your customers, increase your knowledge and skills and grow your business.

PTG membership includes a free membership directory and "Guide to Resources in Piano Technology". You'll find this to be the most complete and concise list of piano manufacturers, suppliers, and technicians in North America.

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## Professional Development

PTG has nearly 160 chapters in the U.S. and Canada. For many technicians, one of the most valued benefits of membership is the opportunity to meet regularly with others working in the field. Chapter meetings include technical lessons, social activities and networking events.

Members receive substantial discount on registration for PTG-sponsored seminars, institutes, conferences and conventions. The annual convention and institute held each summer features workshops, hands-on training, concerts and a trade show. Members from all over the world meet together to learn from experts and try out the latest products in piano care.

## For Your Business, Home & Family

Your PTG membership makes you eligible for special group rates or discounts on these items:

- Business liability, tool and baillee coverage
- Supplemental health insurance
- Life insurance
- Mail order prescriptions
- Low interest credit cards
- Merchant credit card processing
- Wireless phone service
- Rental cars

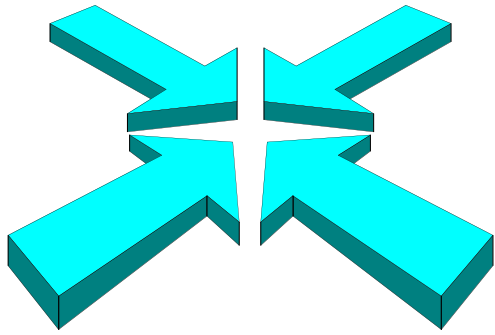
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## Registered Piano Technician (RPT)

The Piano Technicians Guild has established the only set of standards in North America for the tuning, regulation, maintenance and repair skills needed by a qualified piano technician. PTG Associate members become RPTs by passing a set of three rigorous examinations covering technical knowledge, tuning and repair skills. RPTs advertise their certification with special logos and PTG merchandise.



Benefits of PTG Membership



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