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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

**CERTIFICATE OF GUARANTY**



*STEINWAY & SONS  
GRAND CONCERT  
PIANO CM 274 -  
SERIAL #63377.*

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THIS ANTIQUE GRAND CONCERT PIANO HAD BEEN MADE BY "STEINWAY AND SONS" IN GERMANY - 1888.

IT HAD BEEN BOUGHT BY "HOCHSCHULE FUR MUSIK CARL MARIA VON WEBER DRESDEN" THE UNIVERSITY OF MUSIC OF DRESDA. FOR MANY YEARS IT HAD BEEN USED DURING THE STUDENTS' EXAMINATIONS AND PERFORMANCES.

IN 1935 THE PIANO HAD BEEN SOLD TO A FAMOUS FRENCH PIANIST: "MR. FRANCIS JEAN MARCEL POULENC", WHO BROUGHT IT AT HIS FRENCH OWN HOUSE - 5, RUE DE MÉDICIS, PARIS. HE HOLD IT UNTIL 1937. IN THAT YEAR, THE PIANO HAD BEEN SOLD TO A VERY IMPORTANT INDIAN RICH

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MAN: "MR. KAPOOR" WHO SHOWN IT TO THE BRUXELLES FAIR (1948), AFTER A COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY RESTORATION WORK.

LATER, MR. KAPOOR DECIDED TO MOVE IT IN NEW DELHI, TO THE COURT OF "LOUIS FRANCIS ALBERT VICTOR NICHOLAS GEORGE MOUNTBATTEN, 1ST EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA", A BRITISH STATESMAN AND NAVAL OFFICER. HE WAS THE LAST VICEROY OF INDIA (1947) AND THE FIRST GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE INDEPENDENT UNION OF INDIA (1947-48), FROM WHICH THE MODERN REPUBLIC OF INDIA EMERGED IN 1950.

THE GRAND CONCERT STEINWAY & SONS PIANO HAD BEEN PLAYED DURING ALL THE CULTURAL EVENTS ORGANIZED IN THE COURT, UNTIL 1950. AFTER THAT YEAR, MR. KAPOOR WENT BACK TO LONDON AND HE BROUGHT THE PIANO WITH HIM.

C.G. CAPELLETTI'S BOUGHT THE PIANO FROM MR. KAPOOR'S SON: MR. AIJAI KAPOOR, THE PRESIDENT OF AN IMPORTANT INDIAN FINANCE COMPANY, WITH HUGE PROPERTIES IN LONDON AND GREAT BRITAIN.

WE ENTIRELLY RESTORED THE PIANO COPYING THE INSTRUMENT MADE BY "STEINWAY & SONS" FOR THE BARON OF FOLEY IN 1840, INLAID BY GEORGES HENRY BLAKE, TODAY KEPT TO THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART IN NEW YORK.

THIS GRAND CONCERT STEINWAY & SONS PIANO HAS A REMARCABLE MUSICAL VIBRANCY AS CERTIFIED BY OUR PROFESSIONAL SKILLED MEN.

FINALLY, IT HAD BEEN SENT TO A V.I.P. IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

IN WITNESS

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