

## **2020 Mele Estate Piano Evaluation**

**Piano #1: 1921 Steinway Grand Piano, Model M (5' 9")** with electronic PianoMation player system and bench serial# 209107

Piano playability presents in average to above in spite of age and was likely partially refurbished at some point in the instrument's history.

The sounding board visually shows no sign of cracks and would be considered in pristine condition (although it will take the piano to be in a shop environment or thoroughly cleaned to confirm that assumption). The ivory flat key tops have been replaced with a high quality plastic or ivorine set (each keytop in two pieces like from the factory), presumably when refurbished, however; the remainder of the piano action and strings all appear to be original yet in good condition. The playing action and damper action will require a full regulation for the piano to play at a peak level. The bench style is a match to the piano style, that being square spade leg. The piano finish is a very well-kept brown mahogany ebony finish.

*Includes 68 disks*

Value: \$10,000- \$15,000.

**Piano #2: 1926 Kranich and Bach Grand Piano, 5'8", Welte reproducing grand** serial# 68797 with original matching bench and a Welte-Mignon drawer type automatic reproducing player system. Mahogany, William and Mary art case, not playing but complete, needs restoration.

The sounding board of the piano is in good condition with no apparent cracks. The playing and damper actions appear original and the piano has a nice set of ivory key tops. The cabinet finish on the piano although original is in excellent condition and the handcrafted furniture styling is unobtainable by today's production methods. A pedestal apparatus connects the 3 legs and pedal lyre at the base of each. There is a very fine collection of rolls available as well.

Pianos of this nature are extremely hard to locate these days and the value would be subject to locating a buyer who would appreciate the piano for its uniqueness.

Value as is \$2,000-\$3,000.

*Includes Welte Reproducing Piano Rolls - Recut 1980's & 1990's vintage  
Welte Reproducing Piano Rolls – original 1920's vintage*

**Piano #3: 1920 George Steck Upright Piano with an Aeolian Duo-Art reproducing player system**; serial# 64939 style 322P and bench. Refinished mahogany Italian Provincial case, player complete but needs restoration.

Piano has been restored 15-20 years ago with new hammers and the pneumatic cloth for the air supply units. The key tops are the original ivory; the cabinet was at one time refinished as well. There is a good bench although it is a replacement for the original. It is assumed that the player is in working condition although not confirmed at the time of evaluation. The estate beneficiary states the piano was playing at least up to six years ago; there are a very ample amount of player rolls for the piano.

*Includes Duo-Art Reproducing Rolls – Recut 1980's & 1990's vintage  
Duo-Art Reproducing Piano Rolls – original 1920's vintage*

Value as is \$500 - \$1,000.

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