

Northern Michigan Piano Technicians Guild

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SIXTH GENERATION GERMAN PIANO BUILDER TO SPEAK AT LOCAL PIANO SEMINAR

Like Stradivarius and Guarneri violins, carefully cultivated, selected and prepared woods are the key to making great pianos. Ulrich Sauter, president of Carl Sauter Pianofortemanufaktur GMBH, Spaichingen, Germany, which was founded in 1819 and who is a sixth generation piano maker will be in Traverse City, Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 5:30 pm – 7:30pm, to lead a seminar for Northern Michigan piano technicians, piano instructors, students and piano buffs about the history, mysteries, secrets and Sauter's two hundred years of experience as leading builders of hand-crafted pianos. The seminar will be held at M-TEC at Northwest Michigan College in Room 101, at 2600 Aero Park Drive, Traverse City, Michigan, and is sponsored by the Northern Michigan Chapter of the Piano Technicians Guild of America.

Mr. Sauter will present slides of hand building pianos at his workshop in Spaichingen, Germany, and discuss the conditions that make for the world's finest soundboards. Conditions like types of wood that are best to use, woods grown in cooler climates at higher altitudes, closeness of the wood grain, to kiln dry or not to kiln dry, milling and shaping of the best soundboards, varnishes and other finish preparations and various related topics. There will be ample opportunity for questions at the end of the presentation. There is no cost for this event.

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If you would like more information about this event, or to schedule an interview with Ulrich Sauter, please call Gene Sauter at 231-218-0819 or email Gene at ejs@pclus.com.