

SCHIEDMAYER – IBACH – KAWAI – THOMANN

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Managing Sole Shareholder of

Schiedmayer & Soehne GmbH & Co. KG
Schiedmayer Pianofortefabrik Stuttgart
Schiedmayer Celesta GmbH

(All these companies are registered in Stuttgart)

For nearly 300 years the Schiedmayer family has been active in the production of keyboard instruments. Schiedmayer was founded 1735 in Erlangen by Balthasar Schiedmayer and established in Stuttgart 1809.

I declare that my husband Georg Schiedmayer (1931-1992) had never sold the rich in tradition family owned business SCHIEDMAYER to Rud. Ibach & Sohn. I would like to make clear that IBACH never bought the Schiedmayer & Soehne GmbH & Co. KG or the Schiedmayer Pianofortefabrik Stuttgart. The parent company Schiedmayer has always been family owned. I inherited the Schiedmayer Pianofortefabrik Stuttgart as well as the Schiedmayer & Soehne GmbH & Co. KG in 1992 from my husband Georg Schiedmayer. Since the Schiedmayer Pianofortefabrik Stuttgart was commercially inactive, the Amtsgericht Stuttgart as well as my advisers recommended me to close down this company in 2008. The Schiedmayer & Soehne GmbH & Co. KG is still in business.

Rud. Ibach & Sohn, Schwelm

June 20th 1980 began a collaboration between Georg Schiedmayer (private) and Rud. Ibach & Sohn for having Schiedmayer instruments built in Schwelm at the Ibach's Company. There was no Schiedmayer Company involved in the joint venture with Rud. Ibach & Sohn. There were disagreements from the beginning between the partners. Georg Schiedmayer has been for a very short time part of this joint venture.

1990 the company Schiedmayer Pianos GmbH came up in Schwelm.

There is no business relationship between Schiedmayer & Soehne GmbH & Co. KG or Schiedmayer Pianofortefabrik Stuttgart with Schiedmayer Pianos GmbH, Schwelm.

No property of rights has ever been transferred to Rud. Ibach & Sohn or Rud Ibach GmbH. Rud Ibach & Sohn or Rud. Ibach GmbH never purchased the rights to produce SCHIEDMAYER branded pianos under license or received from Georg Schiedmayer the authorization to register the Schiedmayer brand in USA or anywhere else.

After Schiedmayer Pianos GmbH went bankrupt in 2003, Ibach changed the name in Pianocenter Wuppertal GmbH. This company went bankrupt in 2006

KAWAI

In the 1990s Ibach entered into a cooperation with KAWAI and offered pianos under a trademark Schiedmayer Pianofortefabrik GmbH using a false 'Schiedmayer S' Logo (see below).

The Amtsgericht Stuttgart confirmed in his statement that the company Schiedmayer Pianofortefabrik GmbH, 7000 Stuttgart, Schillerplatz 4 has never existed or/and never been registered.

Musikhaus Thomann e.K.

Thomann did not take over the Schiedmayer brand or Schiedmayer Pianos GmbH but the remaining goods from the bankrupt's estate Pianocenter Wuppertal GmbH in 2006, which company used the false 'Schiedmayer S' Logo. (see below)

Consequently in 2014 the regional court Nürnberg-Fürth condemned the Musikhaus Thomann e. K. by a judgment of confession (Anerkenntnisurteil) to cancel the brand 'Schiedmayer S'. (see below). Therefore on August 20th 2014 the German Patent and Trade Mark Office removed the 'Schiedmayer S' brand from the German trademark register falsely applied in 1980 by Pianocenter Wuppertal GmbH and falsely registered with the German Patent and Trademark Office on January 3rd, 1983 under No. 1042684.

This statement is addressed to whom it may concern and specially to all the authors who by lack of awareness/knowledge published a false information about us on the internet or in articles/books.

Herewith I ask the authors/associate editors to publish the necessary amendments immediately on line and in a new edition of their articles/books.

Some of the articles/books with false contents about Schiedmayer – Ibach – Kawai - Thomann:

- *Atlas der Pianonummern*, Edition Bochinsky,
- *Pierce Piano Atlas Editions*, Larry E. Ashley
- *Encyclopedia of Keyboard Instruments*, Robert Palmieri 2003
- *The Fortepiano Writing of Streicher, Dieudonné and the Schiedmayers*, Mellen Press 2008
- *The World Piano Bible, Das Klavier Lexikon*, Jens-Uwe Witter 2017



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The **real** 'Schiedmayer S' Logo



The **false** 'Schiedmayer S' Logo



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