

SCHIEDMAYER - IBACH - KAWAI - THOMANN

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Schiedmayer & Soehne GmbH & Co. KG
Schiedmayer Pianofortefabrik Stuttgart
Schiedmayer Celesta GmbH
(all these companies are registered in Stuttgart)

The Schiedmayer family has been producing keyboard instruments for almost 300 years. Schiedmayer was founded in 1735 in Erlangen by Balthasar Schiedmayer and has been based in Stuttgart since 1809.

I hereby declare that my husband, Georg Schiedmayer (1931-1992) never sold the family business SCHIEDMAYER to the company Rud. Ibach & Sohn.

I want to clarify that Rud. Ibach & Sohn took over neither the Schiedmayer & Soehne GmbH & Co. KG nor the Schiedmayer Pianofortefabrik Stuttgart. The parent company Schiedmayer was always family-owned. I inherited the Pianofortefabrik Schiedmayer Stuttgart and the Schiedmayer & Soehne GmbH & Co. KG in 1992 from my husband, Georg Schiedmayer. Due to the business inactivity of the Schiedmayer Pianofortefabrik Stuttgart, the Stuttgart district court as well my legal advisors recommended to me in 2008 that I remove this company from the commercial register. Schiedmayer & Soehne GmbH & Co. KG still exists.

Rud. Ibach & Son, Schwelm

On 06/20/1980 a joint venture between Georg Schiedmayer (private) and Rud. Ibach & Sohn began regarding the production of Schiedmayer instruments at Ibach in Schwelm. None of the Schiedmayer companies were involved in this project. From the beginning there were disagreements, so much so that Georg Schiedmayer ended his collaboration with Ibach on this project after a short time. In 1990, Schiedmayer Piano GmbH was founded.

Schiedmayer Pianofortefabrik Stuttgart and Schiedmayer & Soehne GmbH & Co. KG were never in a business relationship with Schiedmayer Pianos GmbH, Schwelm.

No title was ever conveyed to Rud. Ibach & Son or Rud. Ibach GmbH. Rud. Ibach & Sohn have at no time obtained the rights or a license to produce instruments under the name Schiedmayer, or the authorization of Georg Schiedmayer for the commercial registration of the Schiedmayer trademark (logo) in the US, or elsewhere.

The company Schiedmayer Pianos GmbH filed for bankruptcy in 2003. The name Schiedmayer Pianos GmbH was changed in the same year to Pianocenter Wuppertal GmbH. This company filed for bankruptcy in 2006.

Kawai

In the 1990s, Ibach started a cooperation with KAWAI and began advertising pianos under the label Schiedmayer Pianofortefabrik GmbH and used a false 'Schiedmayer S' logo (see below). According to a statement from the Stuttgart district court, the company Schiedmayer Pianofortefabrik GmbH, 7000 Stuttgart, Schillerplatz 4, never existed or was never registered.

Musikhaus Thomann e.K.

Thomann has never taken over the Schiedmayer trademarks or the Schiedmayer Pianos GmbH; however, in 2006 it utilized the remaining goods from the bankruptcy estate of the Pianocenter Wuppertal GmbH, including the false 'Schiedmayer S' Logo (see below).

Consequently, the Musikhaus Thomann e.K. was ordered (consent decree) to remove the fake trademark 'Schiedmayer S'. The removal from the Register by the German Patent and Trade Mark Office took place on August 20, 2014. This 'Schiedmayer S' Mark (German word/picture mark) no. 1042684 was erroneously registered in 1980 by the company Pianocenter Wuppertal GmbH and registered on January 3, 1983.

This statement is addressed to all responsible persons, particularly to all authors / publishers in whose publications false / unverified information about us on the Internet or in articles / books can be found.

I hereby urge the authors / publishers to make the necessary corrections immediately online and in the next issues / publications.

Some of these articles / books with incorrect content 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 Schiedmayer*, Mellen Press 2008
- *The World Piano Bible, Das Klavier Lexicon*, Jens-Uwe Witter 2017

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The real 'Schiedmayer S' logo



The fake 'Schiedmayer S' logo

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