

# Edmonton Suzuki

## PIANO SCHOOL

### Caring for Your Piano

1. Keep the piano clean and free of dust. Wash your hands before playing. Keep food and drink away from the instrument. A clean piano makes a beautiful sound.
2. Every piano, regardless of its use or location, should be tuned a minimum of once a year, and twice in a home where the humidity varies greatly. Pianos that receive more than average amounts of use should receive more frequent, regular tuning. *Voicing* may be required to control the way the string vibrates to create the piano's tone quality. *Regulation* will make sure that the piano action works correctly and uniformly.
3. The temperature in the piano room should be kept consistent. Excessive variations in temperature should be avoided at all times.
4. Relative humidity should be kept as constant as possible. Keeping the humidity from fluctuating widely will be the most important factor in keeping your piano in tune. Air that is too dry or too moist is hard on pianos as well as humans!
5. If your home is well insulated, it is permissible to place the piano along an outside wall. Allow a four to six-inch space between the piano back and the wall. This will keep a constant temperature on both sides of the soundboard and also prevent a muffled tone.
6. Locate the piano away from ducts that feed either hot or cold air into the room. This also applies to hot water radiators and radiant-heat installations.
7. Keep the piano out of direct drafts from any source.
8. You must locate the piano away from the direct rays of the sun. Direct sunlight will cause the piano finish to deteriorate before its time. It will also have a negative effect on tunings and various mechanical parts.