

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

January 18, 2022

Agenda Item: 5.4

Subject: Approval of Steinway Model B Spirio Piano Requisition Form, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Las Positas College

Background: Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Las Positas College recommends approval of the purchase of a Steinway Model B Spirio Piano with installed casters and padded cover, for Performing Arts Programs including Music, Theater, and Dance. The addition of this high caliber instrument, featuring the latest technology, will enormously enhance the Performing Arts Programs. Moreover, since this acquisition will allow programs to schedule smaller performances in a new intimate recital space in room 4127 of the Mertes Center for the Performing Arts where the Spirio will be housed, this will free up more reservable dates on the calendar for larger events to be held on the Mertes Center Main Stage, including outside rentals.

The Spirio is a Steinway grand piano and can be used as a traditional acoustic piano, but the technology onboard enhances the educational experience. It includes a free large library (4000+ hours) of exclusive recorded performances of world-class pianists (both living and immortalized) through the complimentary iPad. This piano has the ability to record, edit, playback and share performances to a growing network of Spirio pianos in studios, venues, and peer institutions around the world in high-resolution quality that is indistinguishable from live performance. Its teaching and technology applications include: real time masterclasses with artists around the world, remote auditions, creation of high-resolution audition recordings, live acoustic accompaniment for dance/theater, music composition and commercial music, recital prep, score study, remote lessons, remote competitions, and more.

Finally, LPC's 7-year project of becoming an All-Steinway School would be attained with the acquisition of this instrument. We would join an elite list of more than 200 universities and conservatories worldwide (just the 14th in California). This designation will help with recruitment, retention, and community engagement. The total cost of the Steinway Model B Spirio Piano including tax and shipping is \$159,343.23.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approve the Steinway Model B Spirio Piano Requisition form for the total cost of \$159,343.23. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor of Business Services to execute the augmentation on behalf of Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Las Positas College.

Funding Source: State Instructional Equipment Block Grant.

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