



School of Piano Technology for the Blind to honor Duane Lansverk for 50 years of service

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The School of Piano Technology for the Blind will honor outgoing board member Duane Lansverk for his 50 years of service to the organization at an open house reception on Thursday, December 10, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the school which is located at 2510 E Evergreen Blvd.

“Duane has always been a driving force behind the school, in terms of both time and treasure,” said Board President, Kim Capeloto. “His contributions to the school over the last 50 years are simply too numerous to list, but his input and support can be seen in every aspect of the school.”

Lansverk, a retired attorney and close friend of the school’s founder, Emil Fries, is credited, among a long list of items, for securing the school’s incorporation and establishment as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. His legal expertise and advice were an important factor in the longevity and success of the school which provides piano technology training to blind and visually impaired individuals.

“His institutional knowledge and history with the school have proven invaluable in navigating the ever-changing landscape of a thriving non-profit,” said Cheri Martin, Executive Director. “We owe Duane a tremendous debt of gratitude and will miss having him as a member of our board.”

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The School of Piano Technology for the Blind was founded in 1949 by Emil Fries, a blind teacher and tuner who had a vision to start a school that would teach blind and visually impaired students the skills of piano tuning and repair so they could earn a good living and enjoy independent, productive lives in a financially rewarding profession. Since the School’s inception, more than 300 graduates have gone on to good careers in universities, music stores, school districts, and most often operating their own business.