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**Wilhelm**

Grand and Upright Pianos 2013 | 2014

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EUROPEAN SOUND,  
MADE BY SCHIMMEL

Schimmel grand and upright pianos are handcrafted according to a tradition of craftsmanship handed down over generations – with loving attention to every detail. This requires time, patience and a real empathy for the craft. The experienced Schimmel craftsmen are responsible for the 'Wilhelm Schimmel' brand being a guarantee of European sound and craftsmanship which allows the pianists an especially enjoyable playing experience.



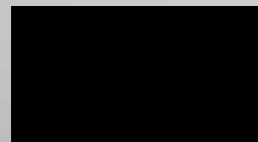
# LIST OF GRAND AND UPRIGHT PIANO MODEL SERIES

## Grand Pianos

Series	Model	L (inch)   L x H x W (cm)	Weight (lbs   kg)	Ebony high gloss	White high gloss	Mahogany high gloss	Page
W 206	Tradition	6' 8"   206 x 103 x 152	838   380	■	■	■	4
W 180	Tradition	5' 9"   180 x 103 x 152	667   300	■	■	■	6

## Upright Pianos

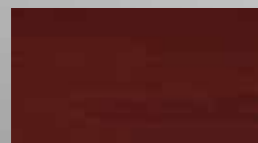
Series	Model	H (inch)   H x W x D (cm)	Weight (lbs   kg)	Ebony high gloss	White high gloss	Mahogany high gloss	Walnut, Alder, sat.	Page
W 123	Tradition	49"   123 x 154 x 62	578   260	■	■	■	-	8
W 118	Tradition	47"   118 x 152 x 62	522   235	■	■	■	-	10
W 114	Tradition	45"   114 x 148 x 55	458   206	■	■	■	-	12
W 114	Modern Swing	45"   114 x 148 x 50	442   199	■	■	■	■	14



Ebony high gloss



White high gloss



Mahogany high gloss




Walnut satin



Alder satin




# THE GRAND PIANO FOR CHAMBER MUSIC

Our mid-sized Wilhelm grand piano follows the lead of European craftsmanship in piano making. Solid workmanship, an exquisite choice of materials and experienced piano craftsmen guarantees a truly European sound experience. 




# THE SALON GRAND PIANO

Simple elegance and traditional piano manufacturing meet in our small Wilhelm grand piano. A wonderful symbiosis which allows a musical experience for all senses. The sound, the action and the entire instrument meets the highest demands within an excellent price point. 




# OUR SUBSTANTIAL WILHELM UPRIGHT PIANO

Music-making is far more than merely hitting the correct note: it broadens horizons, awakes emotions and creates new opportunities for self-expression. The production of traditional piano manufacturing contributes to that playing experience. The sound and durability inspire enthusiasm for beginners as well as advanced musicians. 



# THE UPRIGHT PIANO

FOR ANY OCCASION

The quality of our instruments is based on decades of experience and new recognition in our piano manufacturing. Our mid-sized Wilhelm upright is perfect for any occasion. It produces plenty of great sound and fits harmoniously into any environment. A great eye-catcher that brings the joy of playing every single day. 



Tradition  
Ebony high gloss

W118




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Tradition  
Ebony high gloss

W114


# OUR SMALL MIRACLE OF SOUND

A small upright piano with bright sound. The design fulfills the wish for understatement without influencing the play or the sound. Traditional look, solid workmanship, European sound. This is your entry into the world of European piano music. 





# PURE NOSTALGIA

Since the nineteen-fifties the so-called 'Kleinklavier' [small piano] has left its mark for decades in the world of acoustic pianos. Not demanding in space but strong in tone and sound, combined with a cabinet style representing its time, this piano has enchanted a whole generation as well as the following. 



# FOUR GENERATIONS – ONE PASSION

In the year 1885 the first Schimmel piano is born. It is built by Wilhelm Schimmel in a small workshop in Leipzig, Germany. His philosophies 'Quality will prevail' and 'Solid workmanship is the best patent' are the foundation for the outstanding quality of his instruments. Combining these qualities with the family's inventive genius, Schimmel instruments hit the taste of times. Especially the successful design of the 'Kleinklavier' [small piano] in the thirties establishes the fast growth of the company and Schimmel soon becomes the largest German piano manufacturer. The 'Kleinklavier' is an innovative and intelligent design which allows modern and advanced manufacturing processes for the time resulting in an unbeaten price-performance ratio to this day. Today, under the family management in the fourth generation, the high quality of Schimmel grand and upright pianos made in Braunschweig | Germany gain worldwide recognition. It has always been an important responsibility for Schimmel to offer quality instruments to the young, growing pianists at an affordable and fair price. In following this task and in acknowledging the founder Wilhelm Schimmel, Schimmel is manufacturing again today affordable quality pianos under the 'Wilhelm' brand. Based on the contemporary and innovative Schimmel designs and manufactured in a Schimmel-owned facility in Europe, it is made possible to offer a quality instrument 'made in Europe' at an excellent price. Right from the beginning, the young player is able to experience the vast musical variety of the instrument and to experience and to learn about the musical touch and tone. This series will be a companion from the start and much further.



Wilhelm Schimmel  
1885 – 1927



Wilhelm A. Schimmel  
1927 – 1961



Nikolaus W. Schimmel  
1961 – 2003



Hannes M. Schimmel-Vogel  
2003 – today



Founder Wilhelm Schimmel  
in his office, 1925





## SCHIMMEL – THE MOST HIGHLY AWARDED GERMAN PIANO

Our grand and upright pianos have participated in international instrument tests since 1988 and were repeatedly able to bring home top marks. The numerous awards prove that the quality of Schimmel instruments is universally acclaimed by experts. For this reason we are exceptionally proud that our grand pianos receive good marks in the traditional instrument tests carried out by the major musical periodicals in France. *Le Monde de la Musique*\* wrote the following about the C 169 Tradition: 'Its attractive, natural note lengths combined with a velvety and warm construction of tonal colours are suitable for the widest range of repertoire ... It stands out as a grand piano with noble character: the greatest care in its manufacture and its richness in tonal colouring predestine the instrument for musicians.' *The periodical Pianiste*\*\* describes the C 189 Tradition: 'A grand piano which is suitable for all musical styles and can be adapted for a variety of different situations thanks to its excellent tonal vibrancy.' 'This piano is theatrical.' is the verdict of the periodical *Diapason*\*\*\*, writing about the K 132 Tradition model. 'The homogeneity of all registers is faultless. The feeling of touch allows all performing intentions to be fully expressed and displays no weak points ... This is an authentic piano from the good old days: the type of instrument which was formerly bought for life.'

\* 05|2001, Yves Guilloux  
 \*\* 10|2004, Mathieu Papadiamandis  
 \*\*\* 09|2002, Thierry Faradji

# CERTIFICATE

BVK - Association of German Piano Manufacturers



The manufacturer **Wilhelm Schimmel Pianofortefabrik GmbH** is awarded the BVK certification 'Made in Europe' for the **Wilhelm Schimmel** brand.

The BVK has reviewed the company and confirmed that all the instruments of the brand **Wilhelm Schimmel** are 100% crafted in Europe according to the strict guidelines of the BVK.

The BVK authorizes the manufacturer **Wilhelm Schimmel Pianofortefabrik GmbH**, to use this Certificate and the BVK Logo 'Made in Europe' in connection with the certified brand **Wilhelm Schimmel**.

The certificate is temporary for 2 years commencing from the date of the certificate.



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## MADE IN EUROPE

Piano manufacturing is an outstanding European heritage. In view to the European Union, 'Made in Europe' is the logic expansion of the slogan 'made in Germany'. The German Piano Manufacturer Association (Bundesverband Klavier e.V.) offers to all German based piano manufacturers a full membership and to all other European based piano manufacturers an associated membership. In both cases, the association stands for highest standards of quality and reliability of the products of its members, reflecting the traditions and high standards in manufacturing of their members. The high standards of the German Piano Manufacturer Association is expressed by its signet, which symbolizes the origin of the pianos. Brands, which are allowed to use this protected signet underlie a certification based on strict criteria 'Wilhelm' pianos are based on the contemporary and innovative Schimmel designs and manufactured in a Schimmel-owned facility in Europe. As a result, 'Wilhelm' has received the certification 'made in Europe' of the German Piano Manufacturer Association (BVK).



# INSTITUTIONS

TRUST IN SCHIMMEL

There are many good reasons why Schimmel instruments have been the best-selling German pianos for decades: For example, there are numerous innovations which provide pianists playing the smaller Schimmel grand pianos with the touch and sound characteristics of a full size concert grand piano. Other reasons for their popularity are Schimmel's status as the German piano maker with the most awards from the musical press as well as the timeless design of their award-winning cabinetry. Above all, however, is the passion to create flexible, musically inspiring instruments which are built to last. Schimmel pianos are created to support and respond to the pianist's demands to make uniquely beautiful and inspirational music.




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CLASSICAL SOUND -

## AS SILENT AS A DROPPING FEATHER

The origin of a beneficial innovation was sparked off by the wish to uphold good relations with family, partners or neighbours: the quiet playing system for soundless music-making. Beginners, amateurs and pianists alike can practice at all times of the day and night without disturbing anyone thanks to the Schimmel TwinTone sound muting feature and can also profit from the double advantage of the TwinTone mode: both the classical piano sound and also the integrated digital piano for silent piano-playing. During normal acoustic piano-playing, it is possible to enjoy the full tonal qualities of the instrument with its richness of tonal colouring and dynamic range. The silent playing feature can be activated by the pianist. The hammerheads are 'intercepted' during the action before they make contact with the strings of the instrument. Optical sensors transform all movements of the keys precisely into MIDI data which are transferred to the integrated digital piano. This in turn generates the piano sounds so they can be heard via headphones. The digital piano can also be used to operate external MIDI-compatible equipment. The reliable playability and traditional feeling of playing are preserved throughout the entire dynamic range. 



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