### David Lanz's Cristofori's Dream Re-Envisioned: A Journey into the Heart of Pianistic Innovation

In the annals of piano design, the name Cristofori stands tall as a beacon of ingenuity and artistry. Bartolomeo Cristofori, the Italian instrument maker, is credited with inventing the pianoforte in the early 18th century, and his legacy continues to inspire and influence modern piano makers. Among those who have sought to honor Cristofori's spirit of innovation is Grammynominated pianist and composer David Lanz. In 2016, Lanz partnered with the renowned Steinway & Sons to create a limited edition masterpiece: the Cristofori's Dream Re-Envisioned piano.



#### David Lanz - Cristofori's Dream ... Re-Envisioned

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#### A Legacy Reimagined

The Cristofori's Dream Re-Envisioned piano is not merely a reproduction of Cristofori's original instrument. Rather, it is a re-imagining of the pianoforte,

a reinterpretation that reflects Lanz's own musical sensibilities and vision for the future of piano performance.

While the Re-Envisioned piano incorporates some of the design elements of Cristofori's original, such as the harpsichord-like shape and the use of leather hammers, Lanz has infused the instrument with his own unique innovations. These include:

- Scalloped Soundboard: The soundboard, the heart of the piano that produces its sound, has been scalloped, or carved out in a distinctive pattern. This reduces the weight of the soundboard, allowing it to vibrate more freely and produce a richer, more resonant tone.
- Inverted Bridges: The bridges, which transfer the vibrations of the strings to the soundboard, are inverted, meaning that the thicker, lower-pitched strings are located on the treble side of the piano. This allows for a more even distribution of sound across the keyboard.
- Graphite Keys: The keys are made of graphite, a material that is lighter and more durable than traditional wood or ivory keys. This provides a faster, more responsive key action.

#### **Craftsmanship Unparalleled**

The Cristofori's Dream Re-Envisioned piano is a testament to the artistry and craftsmanship of Steinway & Sons. Each instrument is meticulously handcrafted in Steinway's New York City factory, using the finest materials and the most advanced techniques.

The case of the piano is made of beautiful ebony, with intricate inlays of mother-of-pearl and gold. The soundboard is made of select Sitka spruce,

renowned for its exceptional acoustic properties. The hammers are made of premium-grade leather, carefully shaped to produce a warm, expressive tone.

#### **A Transformative Musical Experience**

Playing the Cristofori's Dream Re-Envisioned piano is a truly transformative musical experience. The light, responsive key action allows for effortless articulation and nuanced expression. The rich, resonant tone fills the room with a warm, enveloping sound that is both intimate and powerful.

Whether you are a seasoned concert pianist or an aspiring musician, the Cristofori's Dream Re-Envisioned piano will inspire you to reach new heights of musical creativity. It is an instrument that will not only elevate your performance, but also redefine your understanding of the possibilities of the piano.

David Lanz's Cristofori's Dream Re-Envisioned piano is a masterpiece of innovation, craftsmanship, and musical expression. It is a testament to the enduring legacy of Bartolomeo Cristofori and a harbinger of a new era in piano design. For those who are fortunate enough to own one of these limited edition instruments, it will be a cherished companion for a lifetime of musical exploration and joy.



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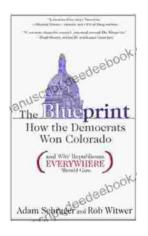
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