Zimmermann.

Upright & Grand Pianos





Zimmermann Designed by C. Bechstein: The Right Choice

Having a quality piano from the very outset is essential for debutants to develop a lasting interest in playing and an eagerness to practice. Place your trust in Europe's most important manufacturer! Whether it's for the first apartment of your own, your children's education or the fulfilment of a long-cherished dream, your Zimmermann was developed by the Bechstein group as a reliable, robust instrument with a remarkable sound character — a piano that carries all the genetic heritage of German engineering and piano-making.

Each instrument made by the Bechstein group embodies the experience gathered by C. Bechstein Pianofortefabrik AG over more than 160 years in the development and manufacture of upright and grand pianos. This exhaustive expertise guarantees outstanding quality in all market segments.



Piano playing has always been part of a select education. Likewise, to have shares in a piano company evidences a lively interest in cultural assets.

Europe is the cradle of piano music. Of the many piano manufacturers active around 1900, only a few went on to become world-famous. Zimmermann was one of them.



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Zimmermann, a Brand with a Long Tradition, Famous the World Over

The Zimmermann brand was established in 1884 by the brothers Max and Richard Zimmermann in the small town of Mölkau, near Leipzig. They called their company the *Leipziger Pianofortefabrik Gebrüder Zimmermann*. In 1895, the business already employed 120 skilled workers. Around 1904, in the golden age of piano when hundreds, even

thousands of manufacturers existed, the Zimmermann factory was the second largest in Europe. Zimmermann soon opened new production sites in Eilenburg, Gotha, and in Seifhennersdorf, the location of the C. Bechstein factory today.

During and between the two World Wars, exports suffered and production

capacities fluctuated. In 1946, the company was nationalised under the name *VEB Sächsische Pianofortefabrik Seifhennersdorf*. With an output of up to 8,000 instruments per year, the Zimmermann factory was once again one of the largest in Europe, exporting to thirty-five countries.





Around 1900, the piano-making trade employed thousands of specially trained professionals.

Piano-making was, and is still today, a fascinating trade; one that is practiced with pride.

Some things never change: wood processing, for example, must be entrusted to skilled workers. Those who have these special skills draw immense satisfaction from working with this natural material.



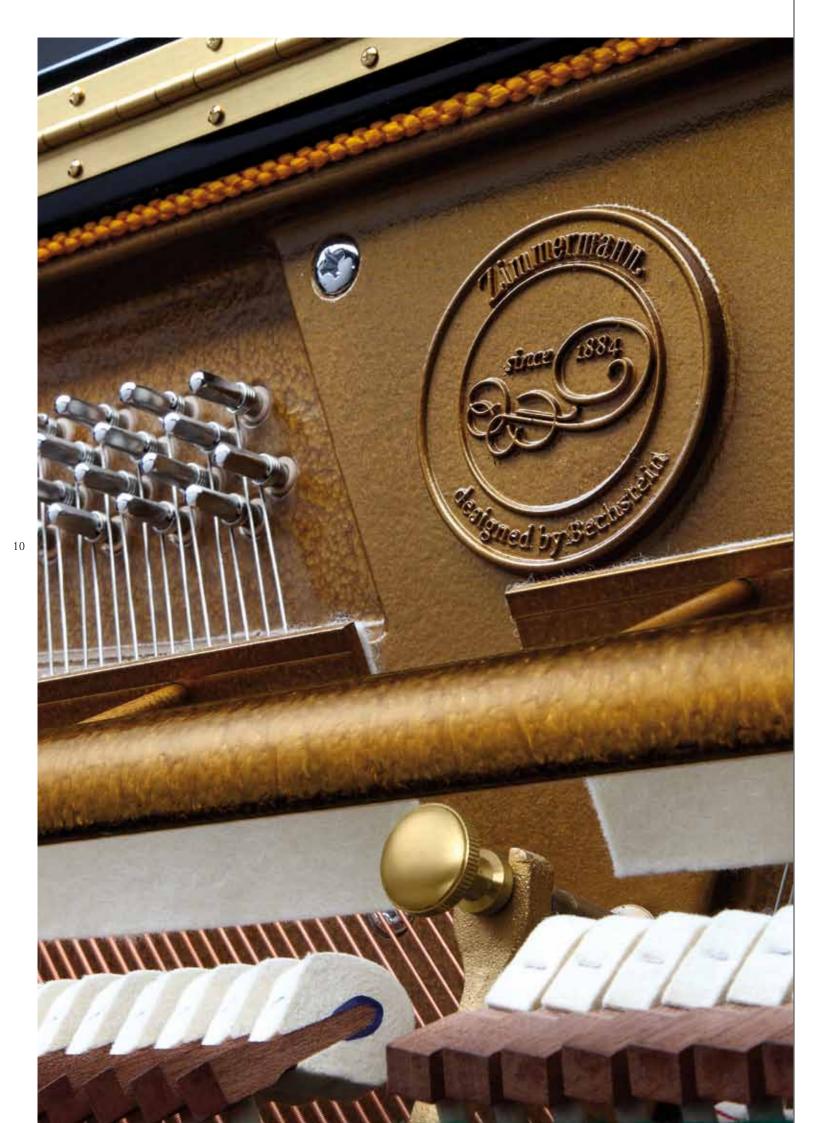




In 1992, C. Bechstein Berlin, the topranking manufacturer of high quality upright and grand pianos, took over the Zimmermann brand. The production site in Seifhennersdorf, Saxony, was expanded, and became one of Europe's leading piano factories. Zimmermann, "Made by C. Bechstein, Germany" as the label read in those days, rapidly became a market leader in the upper middle class. Production continued at the German site until 2011.

As the piano market began to fluctuate, the Bechstein group had to restructure its brands and the respective production sites. Today the Zimmermann brand is the gateway to the Bechstein world. The next higher level is W. Hoffmann, "Made by C. Bechstein Europe," followed by Bechstein, the premium segment, and C. Bechstein, the masterpiece series.

Bechstein's Germany-based R&D centre designs all instruments of the group, decides what materials and manufacturing processes should be used and supervises every step of production, down to the smallest detail. Thus, the brand "Zimmermann designed by C. Bechstein" carries the genetic heritage of a great manufacturer.



Bechstein Quality Management

Not everybody can start playing on a Bechstein — let alone a C. Bechstein. However, it's the heartfelt wish of the C. Bechstein company, supplier of instruments to professionals since 1853, to bring piano music to every household, even those on a tight budget. After all, everyone has to start small.

Zimmermann designed by C. Bechstein democratises piano music. These affordable instruments meet high quality standards and are manufactured with genuine Bechstein skill and expertise. Zimmermann upright and grand pianos are far above the quality standards in their price class.

Welcome to the Bechstein world! The company's impressive development has been on everyone's lips over the past twenty-five years. Indeed, with its wide range of brands of the best possible quality for every budget, Bechstein

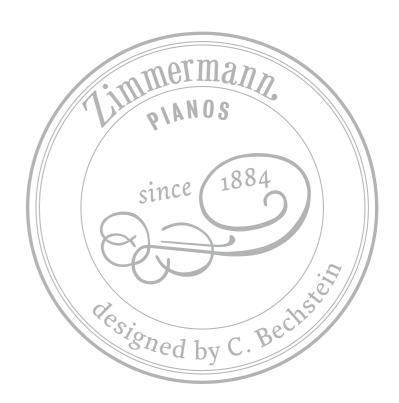
welcomes everyone in the great piano family. Of course, there are clear distinctions between the different brands, as they correspond to different levels of excellence. Just like in the automobile industry: even if you want an economy car, you might turn to a large, renowned manufacturer because you know you can rely on its expertise; you also know that it uses the right components and the best processing techniques, and that lower prices are possible only with the integration of international business partners. A renowned manufacturer like Bechstein will do all it can to satisfy customers in every market segment.

Each model in the different brands of the Bechstein group is developed by German specialists. The extensive training of the staff of all partners involved in production plays an important role in the company philosophy.

Moreover, Bechstein employees at the Zimmermann production site strictly control the implementation of the quality specifications determined in the upstream development. Meticulous inspections carried out at every production step ensure the consistent quality of Zimmermann pianos. After passing all inspections, the instruments are given the Bechstein seal of quality, which is cast in the iron frame and confirmed by a number next to the keyboard.

Bechstein quality management guarantees that every Zimmermann instrument complies with European tradition and sets new, clearly defined standards within the entry-level segment. Thus, a brand new Zimmermann piano that bears the "Designed by C. Bechstein" seal of quality with pride offers excellent value for money and is the better and more reliable alternative to a second-hand instrument.





Zimmermann Quality Criteria

Discriminating quality criteria

Bechstein quality management ensures that every Zimmermann upright and grand piano meets stringent quality standards.

Don't settle for less than a beautiful piano voice! Zimmermann upright and grand pianos stand out with their full, differentiable, flexible voice, together with their dynamic action that is unparalleled in this price class.

Zimmermann upright and grand pianos: European quality, the first choice if you want to enter the wonderful world of piano music at an affordable price.

Backframe and ribs	Solid woodCNC precision processing
Soundboard	SpruceHumidity-resistant bonding
Pinblock	Laminated beech and mapleOverall thickness: min. 32 mm
Iron frame	- Cast iron - CNC processing
Steel strings	- Röslau, Germany
Keyframe	Spruce/beechStability optimised
Action	Perfect specificationsEuropean type adjustment mechanism
Hammerheads	- Solid wood core covered with European felt
Pedals	- Precision adjustment mechanism
General production conditions	 Production under constant temperature and humidity conditions

Zimmermann pianos boast a quality action: all movable parts are made of wood — never of plastic – and assembled in a sturdy frame with balanced dimensions. As regards the action, "Designed by C. Bechstein" means a pleasing touch, light repetition and excellent key control.

Quality Components in the Standard Line

A research facility unique in Germany, C. Bechstein's R&D centre draws on the latest technology findings to develop new instruments. This means the Zimmermann brand "Designed by C. Bechstein" carries the heritage of the group's top-of-the-line pianos.

The photo at the right pictures all the quality components inside a Zimmermann upright piano: the cast-iron frame, the stringing design and the action assembly are all rooted in the European tradition.





Together with the strong, solid wood backframe, the cast-iron frame absorbs the force of string tension and ensures the instrument's solidity, rich sonority and tuning stability.

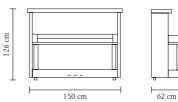


HZ 126

Finish	Black, brilliant finish
Dimensions	H 120 × W 150 × D 60 cm H 47" × W 59" × D 23.6"
Weight	562 lbs/255 kg

The Zimmermann HZ 120 upright piano is a sturdy instrument. Enjoy its pleasant touch and the amazing way its sound unfolds. With its medium size, this piano will easily find a place in your home. Precise workmanship characterises its classic cabinet design. All of these quality attributes make the Zimmermann HZ 120 a joy to play and the ideal instrument for beginners.

Finish	Black, brilliant finish
Dimensions	H 126 × W 150 × D 62 cm H 49.6" × W 59" × D 24.4"
Weight	606 lbs/275 kg
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The Zimmermann HZ 126 will delight you with its sophisticated construction, balanced proportions, good action and full sound. A timeless design sets it above short-lived fashion trends. This piano is tailored to the needs of demanding music lovers who want more volume and an even more sophisticated action. With this instrument, you will look forward to every piano lesson.

HZ 126 Upright Piano

HZ 160 / HZ 175 / HZ 185 Grand Pianos

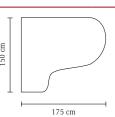
Finish Black, brilliant finish

Dimensions 160 × 150 cm
5'3" × 59"

Weight 705 lbs/320 kg

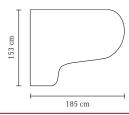
A fully developed instrument, the Zimmermann HZ 160 is a reliable musical partner with good acoustic and action properties: pleasant touch, harmonious voice and a generous sound volume. Moreover, its compact size makes it suitable for rooms of small dimensions or particular configuration.

Finish	Black, brilliant finish
Dimensions	175 × 150 cm 5'9" × 59"
Weight	750 lbs/340 kg



The Zimmermann HZ 175 is just the ticket for anyone in search of an instrument with the feel, the powerful voice and the well-balanced registers of a grand piano. This mid-sized grand boasts all the characteristics of a valuable instrument: the materials are carefully selected, the precise and fluid response of the keys builds confidence, and the processing meets even the most exacting demands.

Finish	Black, brilliant finish
Dimensions	185 × 153 cm 6'1" × 60"
Weight	794 lbs/360 kg
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If you're seeking a more powerful instrument, the Zimmermann HZ 185 grand piano will be the right musical partner for you. Its pleasant touch, exceptional dynamics and surprising sound volume delight even the most practiced and demanding pianists. It is made exclusively of high-quality materials processed with utmost care. Moreover, the stringent Bechstein quality management procedure guarantees high quality and durability. Thus, the Zimmermann HZ 185 is rooted in the European tradition and sets new standards in this market segment. Don't hesitate to compare it with competitors!

Eye-catching beauty



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