

STATEMENT

To whom it may concern,

I have become familiar with Kari Ikonen's invention, the microtuning device **Maqiano™**, and I strongly believe that when used properly for its intended use, according to the instructions, it causes no harm to the piano.

I base this opinion in the fact that I've been doing the service and tuning for Kari's *Steinway & Sons* grand piano since 2003, and I haven't noticed any damage or changes in the piano or in its strings during the last 7 years period with extensive use of the Maqiano.

Helsinki, Finland, May 8, 2025,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pekka Savolainen', with a stylized, flowing script.

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