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Newly Patented Martin-Orme Duplex Bearing Bridge and Capo D'Astro Bar

## The Inventive Genius of Owain Martin

THERE is something in the construction of the Martin-Orme instrument which places it far above the merely "mechanically perfect."

There is something which gives the Martin-Orme Piano DISTINCTION AND CHARACTER—which cannot be obtained through the use of extra quality materials alone. That something is—PERSONALITY.

The genius of Owain Martin is embodied in every Martin-Orme Piano—and is the feature which creates that strong human element so characteristic of our instruments—and which conveys to the customer the feeling that he is listening to something different, which rises far above the ordinary, to the truly artistic plane.

Owain Martin is a pioneer in the art of high class piano construction in Canada. For over forty years of a busy life he has been absorbed in study and research, giving him mastery of the theory of acoustics and tone as applied to the practice of piano manufacture.

He has ever been the foremost in creating and adopting new ideas, which have invariably marked widespread advancement in piano building. The newly patented "Duplex Bearing Bridge and Capo D'Astro Bar (illustrated above) was brought out after a year's work on this point alone. It has given an additional power and solidity to an already fine treble—which possesses a SINGING QUALITY OF EXCEP-TIONAL CLEARNESS.

To tuners this patented feature is of greatest importance. The staggered bolts make possible the placing of a continuous bronze rod, which runs the entire length underneath the bar, thus taking up the bearing of the steel strings. The principle of the absence of friction of steel on bronze has here been used, and Martin-Orme instruments will be found exceptionally easy to tune, with less necessity of the "pounding" process.

The above, together with other important features, are exclusively embodied in all Martin-Orme instruments.

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