

Letter from FRANZ LISZT,
"The King of Pianists."

TRANSLATION:

Messrs. Chickering,
It is very agreeable to me to add my name to the concert of praise of which your Pianos are the object.
To be just, I must declare them perfect (perfectissimus, superlatively perfect.)

There is no quality which is foreign to them. Your instruments possess, in a supreme degree, nobility and power of tone, elasticity and security of the touch, harmony, brilliancy, solidity, charms and prestige, and thus offer a harmonious ensemble of perfections, to the exclusion of all defects.

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In congratulating you sincerely upon the great and decisive success obtained at the Exposition at Paris, I am pleased to anticipate the happy continuation of the same in all places where your Pianos will be heard, and I beg that you accept, gentlemen, the expression of my most distinguished sentiments of esteem and consideration.

ROME. (Signed) F. Liszt.

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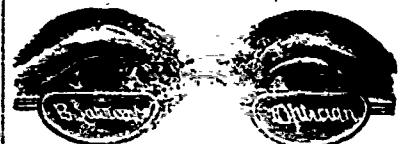
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