

# Basic Detail Report

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## Sir Elton John's Steinway Model D Grand Piano

### Date

1972

### Primary Maker

Elton John

### Medium

Wood; Metal; Ivory

### Description

Sir Elton John's Steinway Model D Grand Piano Number 426549, in black lacquer finish. Steinway & Sons, New York, with three solid brass pedals. Together with matching concert adjustable stool (2021.002.0004 a). Elton John has signed on the gilded cast iron frame in permanent black ink, "Enjoy this as much as I have, Elton John." This piano was played by Elton John in nearly 1,100 concerts worldwide including his famous 1975 Dodger Stadium performances and his 1974 Madison Square Garden show with John Lennon – The Beatles frontman's last live appearance on stage. Sir Elton loaned this piano to Queen's Freddy Mercury for their 1977 *A Day at the Races* Tour. It was also featured at Live Aid in 1985, an event watched by an estimated 1.9 billion people. Paul McCartney played this piano at Live Aid's Wembley Stadium stage during The Beatles classic song "Let it Be." Pianist, singer, and composer Elton John (b. 1947) is one of the best-selling solo artists of all time. His partnership with lyricist Bernie Taupin has lasted since the late-1960s and produced numerous chart-topping hits. Sir Elton has recorded 31 studio albums, with a stretch of six albums in the 1970s reaching number one in the U.S. Billboard charts – *Honky Château* (1972) through *Rock of the Westies* (1975). He has earned five Grammy Awards, five BRIT Awards, two Academy Awards, two Golden Globes, a Tony Award, and many other honors. Elton John was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1994.

### Dimensions

36 x 61 x 107 in. (91.4 x 154.9 x 271.8 cm)