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**@ Sherman Clay's**

2030 Duane Avenue, Santa Clara

Take 101 North to the San Tomas Exit, Go back over the freeway, Turn left on Scott, Then left on Jay Avenue, Look for Piano Max on the right hand side after the 90-degree turn. For South on 101 take the San Tomas exit right, Then immediately left on Scott, Left on Jay, Look for Sherman Clay on the right hand side just after the 90-degree turn

## **Technical Presentation: Conference “+ / - / Δ”**

State Conference Review: What we learned in classes, and what we learned by hosting.

**Notice:** A Quorum of RPT members is needed per Chapter Bylaws for important business items: Nominating Committee Selection, Selection of Kansas City Delegate and Alternate, due March 10.

**April 1, 2007** is the deadline for Associates who have passed 2 of the 3 RPT exams to apply for the PTGF Scholarship, which will pay for the 2007 National Convention Fee and 1 RPT exam fee.

Applications online: [www.ptg.org/ptgf](http://www.ptg.org/ptgf)

**June 20 - 24, 2007**

**Kansas City, Missouri**

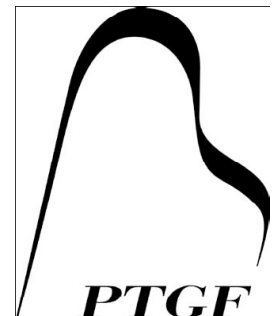
**Hyatt Regency Crown Center**

2007 National Convention registration is open.  
The fee through May 15 for PTG members is \$399

**REGISTER TODAY AT**

**[WWW.PTG.ORG/CONV/2007](http://WWW.PTG.ORG/CONV/2007)**

**Over 70 classes, 24 new!**



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Check out the “Exclusive Benefit” section in the Member Area of the PTG web site for information about new benefit providers and direct links to application sites. A guaranteed acceptance health plan along with a wide variety of other supplemental insurance programs is available through the Volpe Group. We recently signed an agreement with First National Merchant Solutions to offer PTG members an exciting new array of options for processing credit and debit cards.

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**Prospective PTG members** can now submit applications and pay fees and dues online. New membership applications, along with the contents included in the prospective members’ packets are also available in PDF format on the PTG website. In the public area, go to About Us>How to Join to find downloadable. **The new application fee is \$150.00.**

**Audio “Journals”** – mp3 files of the January and February Journal now available for download at [ptg.org/audio](http://ptg.org/audio)

**PACE Update:** Stay tuned for more information on our technical education series.

#### **UPCOMING REGIONAL CONVENTIONS:**

April 11, 2007--April 14, 2007

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION  
Best Western Salt Lake Plaza Hotel  
Salt Lake City, UT

[pnwceptg.org](http://pnwceptg.org)

April 19, 2007--April 22, 2007

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL  
CONVENTION  
Hilton Valley Forge  
Valley Forge, PA

[ptgmarc.org](http://ptgmarc.org)

# Santa Clara Valley Chapter hosts successful State Conference & Institute

*Thanks to the Conference Committee for making the conference a truly entertaining and educational experience. To all who volunteered countless hours of go-fer-ing and piano cartage: THANK YOU!*

**Institute Director – Roland Kaplan, RPT**  
**Exhibits – Fenton Murray, RPT**  
**Publicity Director – Peter Acronico**  
**Registrar – Mail in – Tom Cole, RPT**  
**Registrar – Online – Tremaine Parsons**

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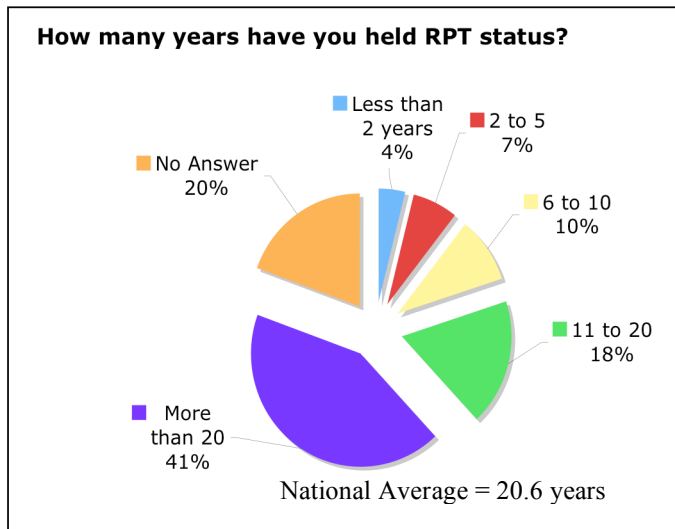


Kenric Tam playing Brahms on the Long A

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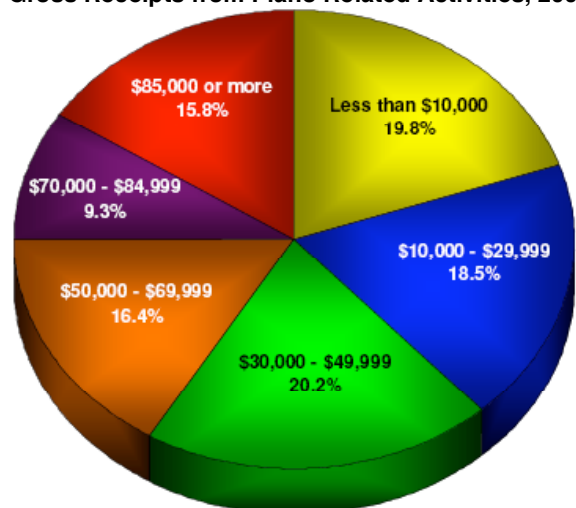
Dale "Hammer Head" Erwin in the Strike Line Class



±2.7%

SOURCE: MemberScope PTG Member Survey, 2006

**Gross Receipts from Piano Related Activities, 2005**



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*Richard Barber, editor*