## BATE COLLECTION HARPSICHORDS, SPINETS AND VIRGINALS

## **HARPSICHORDS**

X91 Shudi & Broadwood, London, 1781.

Burkat Shudi et Johannes Broadwood / N° 902 Londini fecerunt 1781 Great Pulteney Street Golden Square / Patent FF-f", 5 octaves.
Double manual,
doglegged, 2 x 8' + 1
x 4' + lute + buff +
machine + venetian
swell



X97 Richard Shann, Glan-y-Gors, 1979

Miniature instrument, based on early illustrations of psaltery-size harpsichords

b-f", 1 octaves

974 William Smith, London, c1720

Gulielmus Smith Londini Fecit
The instrument closely resembles
that in the Philippe Mercier portrait of
Handel and may be that instrument.

GG-g''', 5 octaves, 2 x 8'



981	Michael Thomas, UK, late 20 <sup>th</sup> century

Double-manual harpsichord

FF-g", 5 octave + 1 note

982 Joseph Tisseran, London, 1700

Double-manual harpsichord. Josephus Tisseran Faciebat Londini; also inscribed below the keyboards, where the date 1700 has been erased and changed to 1710; front face of wrestplank: Josephus Tissern [sic] Londini.

4 octaves, GG/BBd" with split Eb to give both BB and Eb;  $2 \times 8' + 1 \times 4'$ 



983 Jean Goermans, France, 1750

Double-manual harpsichord from the Château de Landres, Mauves-sur-Nuigle, where it had been since 18th century

FF-f'''(61 notes), 5 octaves, originally FF-e", enlarged by cutting away keyboard end-block at treble and inserting extra key

984 Michael Thomas, UK, late 20<sup>th</sup> century

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9060

Double-manual harpsichord

AA-d", 4 octave

anon, provenance not known,

c1670

in the Flemish tradition established by the Ruckers family of Antwerp. Made either in Paris or in Antwerp for Paris c.1670, and the soundboard painted in Paris by 'The Richard Painter'

4 octaves, GG-c"

9048 John Rawson, UK, late 20<sup>th</sup> century

Michael Johnson, UK, 1986

Single-manual harpsichord

BB-d", 4 octaves.

Double-manual harpsichord, after Ruckers, made in 1986 by Michael Johnson for Mr Norman McKenna of

Corfe Castle

5 Octaves, 61 notes and transposing shift between A415 and A440



## SPINETS

X90 John Harrison, London, 1749

Typical of the instruments produced in London during the mid- Georgian

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period.

X94 Thomas Hitchcock, London

1723

Internal inscription shows that this instrument was made by a Hitchcock craftsman, James Steffkin, in May, 1723. It has the serial number 616 inscribed in ink on the key bed.

GG-g", 5 octaves

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987 Benjamin Slade, London, 1710 - 1715 Made of walnut and is strung in brass with ebony natural keys and solid ivory sharps. It has an unusual compass of 56 notes.

GG-e" without GG# & d#", 4 octaves

X988 Baker Harris, London 1776

This instrument, dating from 1776, is the latest of the spinets held by the Collection. By this date the square piano, which had first appeared ten years earlier, had become fashionable and the spinet had entered its period of obsolescence. FF-f''' without FF#, 5 octaves

9035 Stephen Saunders, UK, 1994

A modern instrument with decorative painted surface and gold leaf trim. French spinets were generally painted, English ones were not; and were left in their native walnut or mahogany.

Begins at FF in the manner of an English harpsichord rather than beginning with GG.

## VIRGINALS

98 Niall Mackenzie, London, 1986 Virginals Muselaar. Based on the instrument by Couchet of 1650 in Antwerp

9034 Stephen Saunders, UK, 1994 A modern copy Flemish virginals. Plastic actions with delrin plectra. C/E-c''', 4 octaves, c'