

Theme & Variations piano sale features limited edition

Karl Lagerfeld piano

Thursday 29 May – Saturday 31 May

Theme & Variations Showroom, 178 Pacific Highway Greenwich NSW 2065

SYDNEY, 8 April, 2008 – This May, Theme & Variations, exclusive agents for Steinway in NSW, will be holding a piano sale to raise money for the Sydney Symphony's community and outreach programs, with one piano for sale designed exclusively for Steinway by Karl Lagerfeld.

The renowned international fashion designer was approached by Steinway to design a piano to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Steinway & Sons. What he created was a commemorative piano reflecting his bold yet impeccable style. With dramatic, highly-polished red and elegant black satin finishes, the stunning instrument is a study in powerful contrasts. (The Karl Lagerfeld piano is pictured).



With its subdued colour and unconventional legs, Karl Lagerfeld named the piano "THE S.L.ED", S(teinway) L(imited) ED(ition) and also because of its sled-like design.



Only 150 Karl Lagerfeld pianos were made and there are only two in Australia with one of the pianos being made available at the upcoming Theme & Variations sales event, unless sold prior.

"Designing the new grand piano was a great experience," says Lagerfeld. "I came a little nearer to the world of music, where I am normally an excluded stranger through my lack of gifts and talent. It's for me ... a forbidden paradise, an inaccessible Olympus. I was suddenly allowed a back door glimpse at that enchanted territory," adds Lagerfeld.

This is the fourth year Theme & Variations has undertaken a piano sale to raise money for the Sydney Symphony.



Theme & Variations is a valued sponsor of the Sydney Symphony International Pianists in Recital Series which each year features four of the world's leading pianists in recital at City Recital Hall Angel Place. Artists for the rest of 2008 include: Emanuel Ax (June), Gabriela Montero (September) and Kirill Gerstein (October).

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