

## **Alumnus donates vintage piano to Village Hall Theatre**

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William Crandall, a 1942 alumnus of Alfred University and professor emeritus of Ceramic Engineering, has donated a 1900 Strich & Zeidler grand piano to the Village Hall Theatre which has been undergoing renovation in recent years. The Alfred 21st Century group is now working to raise the money needed to rebuild and refinish this beautiful instrument, said Laurel Buckwalter, Alfred University carillonneur and chair of the Piano Project Committee. The original workmanship of the piano indicates a top quality instrument (the action was by the supplier to the major European companies of Beckstein and Bosendorfer), she noted. "This red mahogany piano has elegant turn of the century styling which makes it ideal for the Village Hall and preferable to a modern piano," said Buckwalter. "With rebuilding and refinishing, this piano will essentially be brand new and give another 100 years of use for receptions, concerts and special events." Photographs of the piano are displayed on posters at the Community Bank, Steuben Trust, the Village Hall and Hair Care. The Piano Project Committee is looking for 88 "key" people who will each contribute \$175 to "purchase" one key on this piano and enable the instrument to be rebuilt, Buckwalter said. You may specify your key by contacting Laurel Buckwalter at 587-8090 or [fbuckwal@alfred.edu](mailto:fbuckwal@alfred.edu). Keys are numbered from the lowest notes, A0, B0, C1, D1 up to C8. Only the letters A through G are available, plus sharps and/or flats. A listing of donors will be displayed in the theatre at the close of the campaign. Checks can be made payable to A21CG and mailed to Laurel Buckwalter, 5744 East Valley Road, Alfred Station, NY 14803.