

1	Please consider this very seriously for greater equity for all pianists.
2	The current standard sized piano keyboard is too big for most women, about a quarter of men and all kids! I urge manufacturers to look at their clientele and provide alternatives to the one large (6.5 inch octave) piano. MOST people fit more easily on the 6.0 inch octave keyboard and adjustment is minimal! Once you've tried one, there's no going back!
3	The availability of reduced size keyboards would be a wonderful gift to countless musicians and music students everywhere!
4	To make a lot pianists (also me) very happy. To enjoy more the piano playing without frustration or pain (physically and emotionally)
5	This one improvement greatly enhances the enjoyment of piano playing.
6	Have mercy on small hands!!!
7	Besides artistic considerations, I would add that it also makes GOOD BUSINESS SENSE to provide smaller keyboards, not only for the many, many young students across the globe, but for those who grow up and still have small hands. If string players can have smaller instruments, why can't pianists?
8	My hands are arthritic as I grow older and octaves are harder to reach.
9	I have been teaching close to 50 years. Seeing talented pianists with smaller hands struggling to manage an octave is a shame. Please consider offering 3 standard sizes for pianists. We cannot change our hand size, but we have technology where we can accommodate different hand sizes. Thank you!
10	As a pianist with a Masters degree in Piano Performance and Pedagogy I have both witnessed the benefit that an ergonomically sized keyboard has on my students as well as experiencing first-hand what an ergonomically scaled keyboard did for my own playing. I have suffered nerve damage, carpal tunnel, and loss of confidence due to the fact that I can only reach on octave on a conventionally sized keyboard. I have worked hard and compensated to play on standard keyboard, but playing the DS 5.5 was quite literally a dream come true. I was instantly able to play advanced repertoire with greater ease and after a year and a half of consistent practice on the DS 5.5 I was pain free in my hands and arms. This is an issue of health, but also artistic freedom. I have repertoire I want to play and sounds I want to create that are frankly impossible because of my small hand size. It is discriminatory to say that it is a hurdle I should have to jump just for the sake of an arbitrary standard. Art and music are for all people and a part of what makes us human. Isn't it time the piano adapted to the humans who play it?
11	I have tried a 7/8 sized keyboard and found a drastic improvement in my comfort and effectiveness. As a sufferer of repeated injuries, I hope this standard becomes, well, standard.
12	I gave away learning to play the piano because my hands were too small. If a suitable keyboard were manufactured I would buy a piano and take up where I left off.
13	I have played piano since I was 6. When I was 19, I went to a Christmas party at the home of the Fort Worth Symphony's principal harpist. While I played on one of her harps, we talked for a bit, and she asked me if I had ever been told that I needed to switch instruments, from piano to harp, due to my small hand size, as she was apparently told as much also as a freshman in college. We shouldn't have to change instruments at all.
14	The piano pedagogy and performance community needs to get with the times. Other instruments already come in different sizes. It's ironic that the pedagogy community continues to push piano lessons for very young children, yet it still advocates traditional adult male-sized keys. I am an adult, classically trained and a former private teacher, but my physical limitations as a petite female keeps me from aspiring to perform concert-

	level pieces. Remember that musicians come in all shapes and sizes. To make piano playing and piano lessons more appealing to the masses, the establishment and the manufacturers need to be more accommodating.
15	I've suffered all my life from trying to stretch chords and play octaves and arpeggios at speed, all this getting in the way of the sheer enjoyment of playing and often undermining my confidence in performance. Now I've had to give up playing in concerts as I have arm problems. Do it!!!
16	It's absurd that we can have 1/2, 3/4 sized violins, guitars, etc, but not piano keys that fit smaller sized hands! It's time to make smaller sized keys!
17	I can't wait to play the Piano that fits my hand!!!
18	So overdue...
19	As a piano teacher focusing on technique, this is something I would really like to see happen in my lifetime. I personally believe that ESPKs is an idea that is well past due. We really need good digitals with a decent touch, and I believe there will definitely be a market for it. I dream of someday being able to incorporate ESPKs into my own teaching.
20	I am a 21 year old female pianist about to start my masters degree, I am a small person with incredibly small hands, but I love the larger repertoire and have never limited myself to what I play. Due to this I get awful tension headaches preventing me from even leaving bed, I have had tendinitis and suffered through long practice hours. I am sick of being told my sound is harsh simply because I am at full extension, I feel I have to work double what other do just to get through larger passages. I am a student and cannot afford the price of these reduced sized keyboards, the only way to make these available to students and young musicians still growing is to make it more commonplace in the musical world. I am sick of feeling like I was not mean to play piano just because my hands are small, the size of my body should not dictate my role in the music world when it can so easily be fixed. This is the modern world a world where woman are taking just as much of a stance in the music industry as men and we deserve a fighting chance by equating the playing field and playing instrument amends suited to our size!
21	Excellent chance to enable talent to be developed.
22	I am a female piano teacher and accompanist with very small hands. There are so many pieces that are impossible for me to play, not because I lack the technical capability - I don't! - but because of the size of my hands relative to the keys. Please consider this seriously; it makes many valid points, particularly when it comes to the smaller hands of women and Asian people.
23	Please give more pianists the opportunity to achieve their potential with the option of an instrument that fits their hands better.
24	I was an adult learner. My piano teacher said I was very talented and fast learner for an adult. However I found the strain of trying to play the romantics very frustrating and painful. I eventually gave up my piano lesson because I could hardly reach and octave let alone 9th and 10th. My hands would be really sore after practice. Please make smaller keyboards for smaller hands.
25	As a guitarist and aspiring luthier with small hands and stiff joints, I understand where pianists facing similar problems are coming from. The difference between guitarists and pianists, however, is that guitarists already have a solution readily available. If some company does not begin to satisfy pianists' needs then I will.
26	I work with many pianists with injuries. Many of these have small hands and would not have suffered injury if they had had a smaller sized keyboard. I would also appreciate using one myself if I had the opportunity.
27	When Kawai Australia can do it, why Kawai Europe, Bechstein, Blumthner, Schimmel etc., wouldn't? Dear manufacturers, you should see it as an opportunity to expand your market shares! The smartest of you all would actually exploit this opportunity!

28	Piano keyboards are designed for the largest male hands, which most of us don't have.
29	I have small hands and can't play much by Chopin, Schumann, Beethoven, Rachmaninov, to name a few. What a dream - if I could afford one of these keyboards once they become more commonly available, I would be able to play things I currently just can't!
30	<p>Musicians with small hands are forced to injure themselves because their hands are smaller than what typical piano keyboards, are designed for. The best musicians start their studies as small children, thus forming a life long struggle with chronic injuries. Many musicians with small hands are women. Can you imagine how much talent has been left un-developed? Have you considered that even athletes have better representation for the physical toll their careers take on their bodies? Simple adjustments such as proper ergonomics for musicians will open opportunities for creative people to pursue their craft without risking chronic injury.</p> <p>Let's embrace advancement in music technology for the safety of our artists. Protect our musicians. Music is for the world to be a better place. Our musicians shouldn't have to pay so high a price for such a valuable gift that they share with us.</p>
31	Even though piano is my second instrument I my choice of repertoire is really limited from the Level 8 and up because I can only reach an octave in my right hand and a ninth in my left plus I have had serious problems with some of the technical requirements since Level 7 RCM because they are extremely painful or impossible and alternative means of playing them do not work for me. Plus RCM long ago eliminated small hands exemption so this would be a useful option for me since the small hands exemption probably isn't coming back.
32	I have 2 intermediate-advanced students who struggle to play octaves. Both are talented and hardworking, and would benefit enormously from a narrower keyboard. Virtually all of my junior students struggle with standard keyboards. I myself struggle to play octaves without pain.
33	A worthy cause .... I feel it will only enhance the dynamics of music.
34	We want you to know that many small-handed people around the world, including us, cry for piano keyboards that fit his/her hands, and we seek a sincere response from you!
35	For my kids and myself and our hands. We would love an option to the standard sized piano keyboard my husband can play so easily. Perhaps then I might actually be able to play the 10th in the Chopin Prelude I love so much.
36	As a clinician and researcher who cares for and studies pianists, I find the request in this petition to be particularly timely. Piano playing is a very high intensity physical activity, especially for the upper extremities. In fact, I am currently performing a research study on hand size, playing-related pain, and muscle activation. Greater availability of smaller keyboards is, in my view, critically essential.
37	I am an athletic trainer who has worked with musicians. I have seen lots of chronic, overuse hand and finger injuries in pianists, most of them female. Their fingers and hands are smaller and are way overworked when playing. A smaller size would decrease the number of overuse injuries.
38	I am a professional young pianist. After suffering injuries, various keyboard sizes would enable me to continue to live my passion, love and dream. Thank you.
39	I am Professor in German literature and play the piano as an amateur. As a student I accompanied the lessons of Lenigrad Ballet-troupe. I myself have a piano with 14/15 Keys. But it is still too wide for my fingers. I miss a piano which allows me to play pieces with ease. Please understand our situation and recognize latent demands!

40	I had a DS5.5 keyboard installed on my Yamaha grand piano one year ago and have discovered for myself the incredible joy of playing on a keyboard that suits my hands. How wonderful it would be if piano manufacturers made pianos, both digital and acoustic, available with alternate sized keyboards so that my students could be practicing on such instruments at home.
41	I do hope that piano manufacturers bear in mind that we do not have six hands.
42	I am a tall women but with small hands, the size of a child's. I have played the piano 23 years and am frustrated about my limit to play certain pieces. I have to attend physio from the damage caused by the over stretching all the time on the piano.
43	Dear friends, I think it's a good idea once Roland, Yamaha, Steinway, Bechstein aren't aware of this issue. Best Regards.
44	I have suffered from carpal tunnel syndrome for years, and it is probably caused, and definitely aggravated, by the fact that the standard keyboard is too wide for my hands. There are piano pieces, such as Beethoven s Piano Sonata 29, that I would very much like to play but simply cannot because of the mismatch between the standard keyboard size and my hand span.
45	It's acoustic and I'm carrying on the spread activity of a fractional keyboard piano of an electronic piano for many years by the personal level. Mr. Yoshinao Nakada, the composer was carrying on these activity all the while in Japan in the past. But, 、 、 、 . A hand is small, and I have checked much voice which can't play the piano so that I may think. I also think it'll be gap industry, could you think by all means!
46	I can't play most of the advance music because my hands are too small and it's too painful to play one full octave at the same time with multiple fingers.
47	Our research shows that female pianists have twice the injury rate that male pianists have.
48	Narrow keys will make it more enjoyable for me to play.
49	Its pure logic to design keyboards and pianos to make the keys smaller in order!to facilitate the playing by the majority of pianists and avoid injuries.
50	It makes complete sense to me that an instrument should fit beneath the players hands. Most of the other instruments available for musicians are available in various sizes enabling choice of instrument to fit the size of the musicians' body and hands. Why not the piano. In this day and age when technology has the ability to allow choice of different sized piano keys to accommodate the size of different hand sizes.
51	After starting with the piano, I chose the violin because of my tiny hands. I still struggle with playing the piano because of my hand span that does not reach an octave. My students also struggle. Please give us more options!
52	7/8 size violins have long been available, if not quite as easy to find as full sizes, for professional violinists who need a slightly smaller instrument. Surely there is also a market for smaller sizes of keyboards with slightly narrower keys for pianists and other keyboard players at both amateur and professional levels.
53	One size does not fit all. Vive la difference!
54	Making smaller sizes available is the most sensible way to avoid injury, which has always been a serious problem for pianists with smaller hands.
55	This is brilliant!
56	It is time for the piano keyboard size to fit the pianists, instead of the other way around. The world can enjoy more musicians, who were trapped for too many years, now that we have the piano keyboard that free all from this bondage.

57	We don't make every viola player suffer a 16.5 inch instrument just because it's nice large size...so why do we insist that pianists do so? Time to take advantage of the technological advances that have been made to make the instrument more accessible and reduce injuries!
58	Having played on different-sized keyboards owned by Ms Erica Booker, I am completely convinced that pianists should have different keyboards to choose from depending on their hands. I would personally greatly benefit from a smaller-sized keyboard as my hands are 8.2 inches.
59	It is high time that the playing field is leveled for children, women and men pianists with smaller hand sizes. I cannot imagine a one-size-fits-all attitude in sports or sports equipment, clothing, furniture, etc., etc. Not to level the field in keyboard size is discrimination, plain and simple. It is also, as studies have repeatedly shown, a silent form of promotion--not reduction--of risks for playing-related injuries. Heartfelt thanks to all who have worked long and hard to promote this rational, humane, and healthful movement.
60	Overdue for this reasonable invention. I played accordion years ago and it was never a problem to switch from that smaller keyboard to the piano. However, obviously there is much literature that represents a challenge for smaller hands and it is good to finally have a smaller piano keyboard available!
61	Please! I want to buy an affordable digital keyboard that fits my hands!
62	We Asian generally have small hands and we do need small keys for us. Thanks.
63	I'm a 25 year old woman. I have a 6 inch span. I can't play anything worth playing without suffering pain in my hands and elbows, and it seriously affects my enjoyment and ability to play. I'm tired of struggling to adjust; my body to a man-sized keyboard - it's time for the world to adjust to the fact that women can play 'serious' music, too.
64	I would personally buy a Digital Workstation similar to the Korg Kronos 88 with weighted keys and action if it was produced at 7/8 D/S Standard. If I won the lottery - I would triple my money in a year producing and selling them myself.
65	Please send this to Boesendorfer, too! I love my 225, but sore hands are making me play less and less.
66	I agree with this petition! This is very relevant for the people who has small hands.
67	I have just purchased a Charles Walter studio upright piano with the Steinbuhler 6.0 keyboard. Soon I will be purchasing a grand piano with a reduced scale keyboard. Would love to buy a Kawai, Yamaha, or Schimmel grand with factory installed 6.0 keyboard. I love my Roland digital piano but would buy one with a 6.0 keyboard as soon as it was available.
68	Finally!
69	Despite the situation of having to adapt all technique for the new keyboard size, it would definitely improve the performance of many musicians. It's a win-win situation.
70	I've been saying this for years. I'm fortunate that I can play tenths with relative ease, but I recognize that that has nothing to do with talent, skill or dedication; I simply happened to win that round of the genetic lottery. Giving people with a smaller reach the ability to play a wider variety of music can only be good for music.
71	I am signing this in behalf of a friend whose talent is huge and struggle is painful, due to her small hands. May her musicality be heard and seen, in a more appropriate instrument.
72	This is important.

73	I am in great need for a digital keyboard which is approximately 7/8 the size of a conventional keyboard
74	It's extremely important to have keyboards that feet our hands, especially when we are talking about health!
75	Playing the piano has always been a core part of my life. I was captivated by the instrument before I could even walk, and have loved and lived with it ever since. After several years in a major conservatory, constantly running up against frustrations due to the small size of my hands, I discovered alternatively-sized keyboards... they changed my life, as they have for many pianists already. Please consider bringing these keyboards into the mainstream. The world of music will blossom, as it becomes filled with the richness and possibilities offered by the many musicians currently on the sidelines. There are so very many who would like a proper voice, and are simply waiting for the chance to sing. Thank you.
76	People come in different sizes, so do violins & cellos, and keyboards on harpsichords and organs vary, as well. Why not pianos???
77	Do not underestimate the potential market for varied size keyboards. Traditional keyboard size established to suit the hands of European males, but pianists have long since encompassed a much broader demographic. Variety is as inevitable as it is historical in the many centuries of keyboard construction prior to the iconic 19th century and the mass-produced standard.
78	As someone who had a practice injury, I have trouble with wide stretches. I lost two notes in my hand span after the injury and will never get it back, which unfortunately does limit the repertoire that I play now. A smaller (even a tiny bit) piano would help a lot!
79	I am a piano teacher, who dreamed of playing New Orleans-style piano. I moved to New Orleans and went at it. My left hand span is 8.75 inches. I was doomed. Like others, tried workarounds. Then life got busy and piano just became more and more frustrating. I'd love to try again at this point in my life with a smaller keyboard. It would bring me SUCH happiness.
80	Small keys changed my musical life. I came back to the piano with gusto 20 years ago at age 39. No More Pain. MOST people who play the piano are either children or women who teach and perform. Only a few are men with large hands. Please tap into this large market and produce pianos we can play! I now perform, teach, compose and play with gay abandon.
81	My hands can't play octave.
82	I've enjoyed playing the piano since I was six years old, yet as an adult I can barely reach an octave with my right hand. My extremely small hand span discouraged me from pursuing music seriously; and while I still play for my own enjoyment, I constantly need to adapt and there is so much music I would love to play but ultimately avoid. To be able to play comfortably on a keyboard more suitable to my hand size would be a dream come true.
83	This is just basic common sense that should have been implemented a long time ago. Although not the be all and end all, a larger than average hand does confer certain advantages on the standard size keyboard. One only need to look at the size of someone like Marc Andre Hamelin's hands to see this is the case, although this is not to take anything away from his genius. It should also be kept in mind that certain repertoire (Bach/Mozart) may actually suit a smaller hand better anyway, and obviously too larger a hand is equally as disadvantageous overall as well. In any case, not to be given the option of different sizes for keyboards like the size options within the other instrument families (strings/woodwind/brass etc) is ludicrous and quite frankly backward.
84	As a child, when learning the piano the standard key board represented an added challenge to the beginner. At a time when one would wish to build confidence and provide encouragement to the learner the alternative sized keyboard would be a distinct benefit.
85	I see no harm in making pianos that cover a wider range of hand sizes.

86	Huge demand in the students I see.
87	Hands do come in many spans!
88	I've recently gotten back into playing the piano -- and as an adult male with average to above average-sized hands, I can't help but think that the keys are wider than they really should be.
89	I have felt, firsthand, the difference a smaller dimension keyboard can make. Having smaller hands myself, I have personally experience pain and discomfort as a result of playing large chords and octaves on an instrument that doesn't accommodate smaller hands. In the twenty first century, there is no excuse for this any longer. Let's level the playing field, as it were.
90	I myself is Asian origin with small Asian hands. My son will be 4 next year and he would also need much narrower keyboard to start piano playing. look forward to a future where piano also comes in different sizes in terms of keyboard.
91	Hi, I'm a girl turning 25 this Feb. I've always wanted to learn how to play well on the piano. But as it seems, pieces I can play are limited to my hands that are almost as small as children's hands. I've tried painfully pulling at my fingers apart from stretching them -hoping they'd get used to the standard keyboard sizes. But it doesn't matter how old I get, because I won't get any taller than and my fingers won't grow any longer to play the song I love. I've adjusted some pieces... But it's just not the same as being able to play all of necessary notes. The music isn't as whole. Please consider making pianos of different sizes so that everyone can have the opportunity to play enchanting music and love music the way pianists are able to.
92	I was unable to play a lot of great music due to my small hand spread. Smaller keyboards would be amazing. Maybe hard to grow accustomed to after so many years, but great for upcoming generations!
93	It would be a joyous occasion if this keyboard becomes available in Asia. Most Asians have much smaller hands than Westerners. The current one sized keyboard is therefore discriminatory towards those pianists with smaller hands.
94	Today's children, on mass, begin to learn the piano and other instruments at a much younger age. It would be appreciated and so convenient to have a keyboard which they could use with ease.
95	It's essential for a lot of pianists to be able to feel on equal grounds
96	I can't play Beethoven, let alone Rachmaninoff. How am I meant to do my job if I can't even reach the keys? I can't compete with the guys...But then again, neither can most of them! My sister is quite a bit bigger than me, but already has RSI from too many octaves over too big a span working as a repetiteur. If these keyboards are too big for such a huge percentage of players (not to mention the thousands upon thousands of children who learn piano...) then why in earth are the keyboards so big?! It beggars belief.
97	Yes! Well overdue.
98	Small hands learn bad habits and end up with unnecessary tension when trying to play intervals which extend their hands too much. It also limits their repertoire.
99	This petition was started, largely, by serious classical pianist, but the music world has changed to include every person with access to a computer. Digital keyboards are ubiquitous and people of every size plays them. Give us keyboards that are a joy to play and we will buy them.

100	I hope this petition gets enough signatures to promote an initiative in manufacturing keyboards that fit smaller hand spans. This would mean a lot to piano students and interested students to prevent future or further injuries. As a former collegiate piano student, this would help to alleviate the already pressure-cooker-like environment. Thank you for the consideration.
101	I have small hands so a lot of pieces I can't play. This disability can easily be fixed if piano manufacturers produce keyboards not one size fit all. There is no one size fit everyone's shoes. Therefore, it doesn't make sense to produce keyboards one size fit all hands.
102	I know of at least two fine professional pianists who would benefit from this!
103	My hand is too small to play Liszt. So I would like small keyboards!
104	The world will flock to the first 88 key US \$250.00 full featured digital keyboard. And it's "for the children"!
105	I have avoided so much large repertoire in my lifetime! A smaller keyboard is such a brilliant idea and would give me and my students so much joy. It would be wonderful to have a choice in keyboard sizes when purchasing a new grand.
106	I have small hands and gave up on playing years ago, even though I loved it. I would love to have a smaller keyboard available!
107	Please increase the diversity of standard piano key sizes available to help all pianists benefit from better playing to fewer injuries.
108	I have a niece who is a very talented pianist, but she nearly had to quit hers master's program because of shoulder and hand pain. She now has small keys that make it much easier for her. Many people like her would benefit from smaller size keys. Please make different sized keyboards available for all.
109	I can't believe this hasn't changed yet! The persistent discrimination in this particular instrument against those with 'small hands' amazes me. I play a smaller violin and I'm not considered less of a musician. I hope people begin to realize that hand size is not an indicator of musical ability. Just like foot size is not an indicator of athletic ability!
110	The size of this keyboard will open equal opportunities for men, women, and young pianists. It would definitely have a positive impact and open possibilities for performers, teachers and also for composers who have always explored any innovations on the instrument throughout time.
111	The size of the current keyboard is limiting the choice of repertoire for me and my students.
112	My daughter is one who has suffered BECAUSE of piano keys being too large for her hands and who has benefited from the opportunity to use and acquire a reduced size keyboard. How many other talented musicians must suffer permanent damage to their hands because of straining to reach when a simple modification can allow their talent to grace us all?
113	The size needed by most people is smaller than the current 'standard'; size of 6.5inches. These people have what can be called 'average' size hands - not small hands! I have never considered my hands 'small', but they are less than 8 inch span - suitable for a 5.5 inch octave - less than the 6.5' standard'.
114	We need it! Playing a tenth without rolling is impossible to do for so many people and it doesn't sound as good a as real tenth! So much repertoire is unplayable for people with normal-sized hands, we shouldn't have to adapt or work twice as hard just because conventional the keyboard is too wide! Please make it happen!
115	Smaller Keys are very important :)

116	I'm a small handed pianist who suffered debilitating injuries from stretching to practice standard repertoire during university studies in Piano Performance. Even if I were capable of being a concert pianist in other ways, it would be impossible for me on a standard keyboard. I am also a piano teacher. I would buy a baby grand or grand piano with smaller keys, both to benefit myself and my young students. I could use it to record standard repertoire that I otherwise could not perform!
117	If smaller keyboards were readily available, I would instantly buy one and recommend it for all of my students. Please make this happen!!!
118	A right size piano can prevent performance injuries such as tendinitis. And allow injured pianists to return to play piano; our beloved instrument.
119	Please save my tiny fingers from arthritis! Help me play my music!
120	The musical ramifications speak for themselves. It would be a great service to humanity to develop especially digitally.
121	I would love to play the Romantic Repertoire which until now has been impossible because I have a span of only an octave.
122	This is a great idea, and makes the game so much fairer for people with smaller hands. My late piano teacher Marjorie Hesse was a great pianist, but certain repertoire was beyond her due to her small hands!
123	I believe you'll discover that these smaller pianos will prove that they're not a 'niche' product but can generate mainstream sales -- if you will build them!
124	Please give pianist a choice re the size of piano they can play. Thanks
125	We, human beings are constantly on the lookout for ways to improve our lifestyle and become more efficient. This smaller size keyboard will achieve that, by making the piano practice time more efficient and will prevent performance injuries and deformations in the hands of our children. These which are caused because the regular size piano is just too big for many of us. Why not support a change for the good ?
126	Muchos estudiantes de piano entre las cuales me incluyo hemos padecido desde la niñez con dolores insoportables de los tendones de las manos y muchos han sido operados y de manera injusta y traumática hemos tenido que abandonar la carrera pianística por no contar con a
127	Es urgente, justo, necesario y elemental que en todos los Conservatorios y Escuelas de Música especialmente de Latinoamérica y Asia, y por qué no decir de todo el mundo, tengan a disposición de sus alumnos, pianos del tamaño acorde con el de sus manos, a fin de evitar tantos dolores en sus tendones, traumas y hasta operaciones que han dejado cicatrices en sus manos y en el alma porque muchas de esas personas que han sido afectadas sus manos con tendinitis, por tocar en pianos diseñados para personas de talla grande, jamás han vuelto a interpretar ninguna obra y cruelmente se han visto en el doloroso caso de abandonar para siempre lo que para ellos es la vida misma.
128	Toda una vida de sacrificio, dolor y trauma emocional y físico y de lucha con un problema aparentemente insuperable que millones de alumnos de piano vienen padeciendo por siglos, desaparece cuando se enteran que la solución está en tener un piano de acuerdo con el tamaño de sus manos.
129	Solo me uno a la petición de la fabricación de un piano 5,5 para la persona que la necesita
130	Es de elemental conocimiento que las personas necesitamos usar zapatos acorde con el tamaño de nuestros pies, de igual manera los pianistas requieren de pianos a la medida del tamaño de sus manos para evitar dolor de tendones, tensión, lesiones irreparables, y deserciones traumáticas y sumamente frustrantes de miles de estudiantes de piano.

131	Mas del 50% de hombres y mujeres de pianistas adultos tienen palmas demasiado pequeñas para los teclados que se usan actualmente, lo cual dificulta la labor pianística en unos casos y en otros, impide la interpretación de obras complejas lo cual causa en los intérpretes problemas físicos y emocionales irreparables.
132	Es inaudito, ilógico, inhumano, que solo tengamos los pianistas opción a un solo ancho de tecla del piano que es enorme en la mayoría de casos con relación al tamaño de las manos que tenemos.
133	Es de suma importancia que todas las Escuelas de Música tengan pianos con teclas más estrechas que la corriente de teclado estándar ya que se ha comprobado que la mayoría de estudiantes de piano tienen manos pequeñas, con lo cual se solucionarían los terribles problemas musicales insuperables y los innumerables traumas, dolores, y daños irreparables en las manos de los pianistas y el daño emocional que todo eso produce en ellos.
134	I do not see in this day and age why piano keys can't be more accommodating. I have one friend one had to quit piano outright due to her doctor's concern and went to choir. I have a second friend who is still trying to overcome this challenge by campaigning for this petition.
135	I feel that there is a need to customized in manufacturing a piano specially for young aspiring individual to learn the piano.
136	Seems obvious to me a piano teacher
137	The 7/8 changed musical life!
138	Hope this type of piano will be available to the public really soon!
139	The list of music I would love to try on an appropriately sized keyboard is long indeed! I would also welcome this option for young students ready to tackle meatier repertoire.
140	I teach Piano in a private girls' school where some of my advanced students have small hand spans (as do I!) We also operate a very large Strings programme which begins at Year 3. For all of those young players, (average age seven), it's not a case of 'one size fits all'!! Why then, isn't it the same for Piano?
141	Music should be possible for all people!: Prof. Dr. Christoph Wagner, 23.8.2013
142	Born with small hands, I have been struggling with octaves all my life and it is a huge discouraging factor. I wish I would be able to reach octaves and above comfortably without hurting my fingers and wrist to play music I love and entertain those around me! It would be a dream come true!
143	I do think a one size keyboard is discriminatory.
144	Really needed and will wait to purchase.
145	I cant wait for this to take off and for alternate sized digital pianos to start to be made.
146	Chopin and Josef Hofmann benefitted from such keyboards, what a boon for the rest of us!
147	Supporting this long overdue initiative is correct and essential from moral, artistic, practical and economic perspectives
148	My repertoire has always either been limited due to my small hands. My span is an octave, which I achieved due to technical exercises. Many pieces need 'sleight of hand' to enable me to play them. Now, some arthritis in my hands, particularly my thumbs, is causing pain playing octave intervals, and I foresee a future of much more modified piano playing. Why should I have to stop playing piano or continue in pain? A 7/8 keyboard

	would allow me to play and would also accommodate the small hands of my young piano students. I have given this matter considerable thought over an extended period and am very pleased to have the opportunity to sign this petition.
149	A great benediction for pianists all over the world.
150	Would make a lot of difference for people with smaller hands.
151	This is a great idea- from a friend of Matthew David's - the next Beethoven.
152	I deeply support this initiative and would appreciate a change in piano manufacturing.
153	Everyone should be able to play without stress.
154	For years questions like, 'How am I even going to reach that note? Why am I even trying? I thought piano playing was supposed to be 'enjoyable'? I often mulled around in my head as I tried to do work-arounds to piano pieces all because I could never reach a comfortable octave, never mind a 9th or even 10th and the frustration and disappointment that came with it because the piece seldom sounded the same after the alterations. People should be able to buy pianos that fit their own hands and avoid the numerous problems that a lot of pianists face. Develop a passion for the instrument instead a grudge.
155	I lost function in 2 fingers for 6 months due to damage caused by overstretching my hand on a standard piano. I say we join together and pressure Yamaha to make a high quality digital piano for the rest of us.
156	This is a very sound initiative. Whole-heartedly support the drive to have these keyboards available world-wide.
157	I wish that I could buy a digital piano with a smaller keyboard. My grown children do as well.
158	I believe it's a very interesting development which could benefit many individuals who love playing piano.
159	Interesting idea, worth being developed.
160	I would love to see this go through!
161	7.2" full disclosure. Have loved having a DS 5.5 in my possession.
162	I would like to see more reasonably priced smaller sized keyboards available to teachers and students, and on the smaller competition stage (e.g. Eisteddfods). I have small hands myself and I also have beginning and talented young students who will benefit greatly from using smaller keyboards. Just as string and wind instruments offer smaller sizes, we should be able to offer our youngest pianists appropriate sized keyboards for their hand span. I hope that you will seriously consider manufacturing these on a big scale to offer students and teachers size options for the piano.
163	I have small hands and need this to develop.
164	My hands are small even for women, I felt much pain while playing an octave. A one size fits all piano is simply unfair to most women.
165	I do not want to see my wife suffers while learning to play piano. A narrow (5.1 or 5.5 inch octave) keyboard that suits her will enable her to enjoy advanced pieces of music. She just ordered some fingertip protectors, hoping that can extend her fingers a little bit to play an octave comfortably. Please consider seriously in producing smaller size keyboards, there is a real need in the market.
166	I love to play however have gradually become discouraged as unable to reach the chords without significant stretch which sets off arthritis. Would love to see affordable, quality instruments that reflect diversity of human form. There are few things that can so readily move people through dramatic ranges of emotion as music within a very short period of time or with such lasting consequence.

167	I have very small hands and have had incredible difficulty learning the piano (one of my lifelong dreams). Please make smaller keys.
168	I reached grade 7 standard but gave up playing when 22 as my hand size is child size and can only just about reach an octave. I would love to be able to play again, especially as I now have young onset Parkinson's so the exercise would be good for brain/hand coordination.
169	A single size for piano keyboards is ridiculous. Humans have a range of hand sizes.
170	I was wondering why I haven't been making much progress on piano after a year, and then I realized that my fingers only stretch across 7 keys--not even a full octave. What I would give to have bigger hands--or smaller instruments.
171	There is smaller sizes for violin and cello students, It's about time that this was addressed to Pianists all over the world!!Thank you for coming up with this most WONDERFUL invention since the creation of the piano!!!
172	Adult learning to play; hand can just barely reach octave if played on the bottom of the keys; there is a market for digital pianos to be designed for smaller hands; no way I can afford a nicer piano, but I would buy a small hands digital piano in a heartbeat (and a bet a lot of other adults learning to play or parents with children learning to play would too).
173	Having standard sized piano at home makes it difficult for me to practice and causes some pain in my hands even after 15-20 min.
174	I need a smaller keyboard for me and my pupils whose hands don't play the 9th. Music - and hand comfort shouldn't be only for big handed people! I'll buy a digital piano if it's a 7/8 keyboard, and I know my pupils will also want to buy a piano that fit their size.
175	My daughter (14) loves piano playing more than anything in the world but she is constantly enduring wrist pain since she can't even comfortably reach an octave.
176	My short scale bass opens up a whole new world of playing. It makes you feel like improvising. I would love to find the same effect on a keyboard.
177	my hand span is 6.25 inches please think about customers like us ... may b you can make only on order if you worried that it wont sell ... make on order only.
178	Nowadays we pursue the mutual equality and inclusive accessibility in many sports events, performing arts, recreational activities, etc. But why not for piano playing?
179	I wholeheartedly support this endeavour - as a concert pianist with small hands, I live this every day :)
180	I would LOVE a keyboard that I could actually reach a full octave without serious strain and 'on the edge'.
181	Classical music has always been a passion of mine. It inspired me when I was a little girl. I learned how to play a clarinet while I was still growing, and I had long slim fingers but the keys were still too big. I am now 25 and my fingers still are not long enough. I tried to take a class but the large keys really kept me from preforming my best. It makes me truly sad. I hope one day I will be able to play too.
182	I am an aspiring pianist with extremely small hands and I would love it if more companies could make smaller keyboards.
183	I thoroughly support this call to adapt keyboards to humans rather than trying to adapt all humans to a single keyboard size. This seems to be possible by adapting the action and leaving the remainder of the piano as is, so it should be a straightforward fix. I look forward to the day when every concert hall has not only a choice between pianos, but also a selection of three keyboard sizes!

184	I never had large hands, but with age and a bit of arthritis they have become smaller and even reaching one octave has sent me to therapy. It has been a blessing to find narrower keyboards available and now I can play with less strain on my hands and pieces of music that were impossible for me on a standard 6.5 keyboard.
185	Would like to have smaller key options for small hands or short fingers.
186	Associate Professor in Music, Melbourne Conservatorium of Music
187	Very creative and exciting!
188	I am a small adult who is limited to what I can play because of my small hands. I would trade my piano in for one with a narrower keyboard if that was available. I wish that had been available for my children.
189	As a lifelong pianist and teacher for nearly two decades, I can attest that the time for alternate-sized keyboards is long overdue. The current standard of keyboard size particularly favors a specific population: grown men with large hands. Therefore, it is the source of physical harm (sometimes irreparable) for excellent, enthusiastic pianists who attempt to perform repertoire according to the exacting requirements of the classical world, or else it limits the repertoire and discourages fine pianists who might otherwise pursue rewarding careers.
190	Due to my small hands/fingers, I have been restricted to playing piano music that doesn't exceed my reach (55+ years).
191	Please make a narrower piano Keys. This is the problem of many people.
192	I have very small hands but love the piano (I can't reach an octave) this really hinders my playing and would love to have a smaller key range!
193	As a jazz piano student, one of the major limitations I deal with is the size of my fingers. I would definitely purchase a piano or keyboard which is "right sized" for my hands. I know a smaller keyboard would reduce the hand injuries and tendinitis I suffer from to pursue my art!
194	The availability of alternate-sized keyboards will democratise the keyboard for players of all sizes and should be for all keyboards, organs & electronic keyboards.
195	I am 31 years old and started my piano journey at the age of seven, where I taught myself to read music, irritating my older brother and cousin when I played through the music they had been working on. Later on, I went to the University of Northern Iowa to study music where I had a triple scholarship—jazz, composition, and piano. Unfortunately, after three years of attending UNI, I had a massive flare-up of tendinitis in both hands—of which I had been diagnosed with at the age of 17 and the cause was playing the piano. I felt like I had hit a wall with my skill as well as a massive failure, especially in comparison to my peers, and dropped out of the school of music to pursue a different major. I didn't play or compose for a year and became severely depressed as well as losing my scholarships. I did eventually return to the school of music after my hiatus and completed my B.A. in Music—focusing solely on composition. During that time, I was one of the recipients of the 2010 ASCAP Young Jazz Composers Award for my big band composition, Revolution. Since that time in my life, I've struggled with painful flare-ups in both arms and take great care to not push myself the way that I used to. My hand span is 6.875 inches. If I ever have the opportunity to play or even own a DS 5.5, I think I would sob in relief as well as in delight. It would mean the world to me to have access to a smaller keyboard.
196	While my hands are pretty large, I am always captivated by the way musicians with smaller hands are able to play flawlessly. Then I wonder how even more awesome they would be if the keys were smaller. With this...we can now know.
197	I am 15 years old and my hands are very small. Please help me to reach more than a 9th!

198	As a professional pianist, I've been struggling for decades with the width of the standard keyboard, as my hands are just too small to play most 10ths, an interval often called for in 19th, 20th and 21st century music. This limitation is not because I lack talent or haven't studied well enough. This is because of a mismatch between keyboard and hand size. And this needs to stop. P.S.: I would also encourage this petition be sent to the European manufacturers, Bechstein, Blüthner, Schimmel, and so forth.
199	Manufacturers are missing out on a large market share. There is a demand out here for these products which will increase enormously when they become available.
200	I can only just reach an octave and have injured my fingers trying to stretch in order to play repeated octave etc.
201	Lost motivation to play the piano since it hurts to play pieces with big chords
202	We have different sizes in violins, and other instruments, why not the piano?!? I've wondered this for quite some time.
203	Both my daughter and myself are having fun playing the piano, but are frustrated with reaching octaves and other odd stretches. I have played bass guitar for many years and struggled with small hands and now it is starting all over again with the piano.
204	My cousin, Scott, and I both started piano lessons at age 6 with the same teachers. I loved music, and piano, as did he. I remember well the teachers measuring our hands several times over the years, and I also remember him excelling on certain pieces and that for some reason I could not consistently play those correctly, no matter how much I practiced. At age 18, his middle finger, for example, was about 1 1/2 inches longer than mine. He got a music scholarship and for over 20 years was the Minister of Music (and pipe organist) for a large church. I played Rock and Country, became a Songwriter and remained a mediocre keyboardist. I am not saying that I would have been a great keyboardist if smaller keyboards had been available, and I totally love my cousin, and am proud of his achievements. But I do wish that I had been able to make that choice. More than this, I wish that my daughters, who both have fairly small hands, and who now have access to a reduced-sized piano and several other instruments, had been given this opportunity from the beginning. Please think about this and help the kids.
205	As a pianist with smaller hands, why do I have to do contortions and unnatural stretches to play the standard repertoire? We need PASK now, both on acoustic pianos and electronic pianos.
206	Pianist since the age of six and can barely reach an octave with my right hand. I wish I could play all of the music that I wish to play, without pain, struggle, and modifications.
207	It is long overdue. Most instruments come in various sizes. But not pianos. Perhaps this can jumpstart and revitalize piano sales. It seems like a no brainer as far as digital pianos are concerned.
208	As a person with small hands, I would welcome a smaller keyboard.
209	I need a 5.5 size keyboard. I am an adult who cannot even reach an octave.
210	Is this ever happening? I am so desperate to get my hands on a 5.1.
211	My whole life would have been different if this had been available to me.
212	My current piano strains my hands since they have to reach across keys that are unnecessarily wide. I was dumbfounded by the fact that so few piano manufacturers haven't realized the need for more suitable key widths. Especially with how many people would benefit from it.

213	Can't play with the free dome those with larger hand can. It's 2018, innovation is everywhere. Let it be in the world of pianos.
214	I am a small-handed pianist and teacher. I always wished I had larger hands to play pieces that are "too big" for me. I cannot change my hands, although I have tried and endured the pain, Having a piano with smaller keys would be a dream-come-true.
215	Yamaha: a 61 or greater key version of your Reface CP with DS 5.5 keys would be perfect. Casio: a 61 or greater key version of your SA-76 with velocity sensitivity, USB MIDI, and DS 5.5 keys would be perfect.
216	This allows many more people to play piano without injury. Please consider it.
217	My little finger is shorter than usual. If we have a narrow keyboard, we can play the piano more pleasantly.
218	I cannot believe that in this day and age I can't find any keyboards or pianos with narrower keys. I can't play the same songs as half of the population because pianos were and are still only made for one body type. We should not have to develop these awkward techniques to try and work around the too-large keys as well as risk injuries to our tendons, just to be unable to make the same sounds anyway. I just want to play the songs I love.
219	I feel its hard to play any pieces with chords involving a span of 8 keys or more, my hands and wrist hurt. I often stop playing due to discomfort, but i feel that nobody takes my desire for smaller keys seriously. My enjoyment and skill would definitely be enhanced by an appropriately sized keyboard. Thank you.
220	I would love to have a piano with narrower keys! I have very small hands, and can only reach an octave with a tense, stretched hand on the standard keyboard, By contrast, on my "lady-sized" piano-accordion keyboard, I can reach 10ths easily. Despite never having formally studied the accordion, I find it much easier and more pleasurable to play --- and I wish I could have the same pleasure and ability on the piano!
221	I have short fingers and there are a lot of songs that I simply cannot play because my fingers cannot reach a full octave! It is frustration. I end up having to play crappy kids' keyboards - that sound terrible - to get to play the songs that I love. It makes playing music frustrating, not enjoyable!
222	The request is supported by many research! Build them !!
223	This is so necessary! At the VERY least this should be available for children to ensure they develop proper technique. It just makes sense.
224	Do the right thing.
225	As a petite female with a hand span of 7 inches I SOOOooooo long for the day that D.S. 5.5 becomes widely available.
226	I've tried smaller sizes keys before and it's astounding how much of a difference it makes.
227	These keyboards are urgently needed.
228	I believe manufacturers would be shocked at how many "lapsed" pianists would rush to buy a piano, especially a digital piano, with a reduced-size keyboard. This is a dramatically underserved market.
229	Many pianists are going for digital pianos, for several reasons, which include perfect tuning and sound quality. Roland and all manufacturers should make available either 3/4 or 2/3 size keyboards, be they acoustic or digital pianos. Perhaps then might Rachmaninoff's pieces be performed live. Thank you.
230	Reaching a 10th comfortably would change my life. I will purchase the first alt-size digital instrument that appears from any manufacturer, no matter the cost. My hands would prefer 15/16, but I think 7/8 is the most important size for reaching the most people.

231	A narrower keyboard would be absolutely fantastic!! I for one struggle with stretches in the music, and in some cases cannot play the piano at all due to the pain factor. I also have many students who would benefit from a narrower keyboard!
232	A organized effort to bring more players to appropriately sized instruments will result in more interest in keyboard instruments as well as also increase sales for manufacturers. How wonderful would it be to have students and players have the appropriately sized keyboard instruments used during their training and physical growth that benefit from using proper technique and musicality? String instrument students have access to 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, and full size instruments that support their growth, why not keyboardists? It just makes sense that electronic instrument makers as well as acoustic instrument makers increase their sales by providing a path of development for professionals and hobbyists alike by providing stepping stone sizes for keyboards that are professionally made with quality components. Let players, students and teachers have a choice for a sized instrument that allows them to fully express themselves musically!
233	After years of playing with a small hand, I now have arthritis and find playing on my piano painful.
234	Smaller keyed keyboard Please!
235	Just started lessons and am very discouraged that I cannot span two C's.
236	Would like the standard adopted for both acoustic and digital keyboards.
237	J'espère que ce projet se concrétisera à travers le monde ! Il est temps de changer les choses. Je veux pouvoir jouer les pièces qui me font rêver, sans me dire : "Tu ne pourras jamais. Tu as les mains trop petites.", alors que ce sont les pianos qui sont trop grands.
238	I hit a wall because my hands are too small. It's really sad to me that I can't play the classical music that I want to.
239	I have just below average width male hands, so for me this isn't really a problem, but seriously come on. This would make it so much easier for so many people.
240	I definitely feel and see that this is a problem. As a pianist with relatively small hands, I feel that a slimmer keyboard would be perfect for me. I can comfortably hit a 9th and I feel that composers like Rach and Liszt require much more than I can handle.
241	I have taught piano students who would have really benefited from a smaller key width (on a real piano). A colleague of mine has rather small hands and always had to choose repertoire which was reasonably within her 'grasp'. Gloves are made in many sizes to suit smaller hands. Pianos should similarly be available to suit smaller hands.
242	i have a small hands with an extremely short pinky, injured it so many times since childhood. narrower keys gonna cure my complex.
243	My recent experience with alternatively sized keyboards has been a revelation. I have never been so liberated on the piano. The concept of narrower key widths to suit a pianist's morphology is genius. My skeptical wife, who has larger hands than me, now demands such a keyboard for our own use!
244	I gave up auditioning to a top university because I injured both thumb joints due to poor training and small hands. I long to play again, but the pain and frustration hold me back. I can't afford to buy a special custom-made keyboard now that both my kids are in college. I gave up on that dream, but no one else should!!!
245	There is no question that these smaller sized keyboards are a no brainer!
246	A great piano with keys that fit my smaller female hands would be so much more fun.

247	My adult hands have a reach span of less than 7 1/2 inch. I would like to learn on a reduced size keyboard that fits my hands. I don't have the money to invest in a custom made piano, and I have no dreams of recitals, just to play at home and enjoy the instrument, so I would really enjoy more affordable options for those of us with small hands.
248	Digital pianos should be easy to make in a 5.5 standard. We should all have more options.
249	I teach piano to children who are primarily ages 4 - 10. There are smaller versions of violins and guitars and other instruments. Why not pianos and keyboards? I would replace my 6 digital pianos for smaller keyboard versions in a heartbeat.
250	We have the science, the statistics and the people ready to buy..... we just need piano manufacturers to come to the party!!
252	I feel discriminated against by the dominance of the mainstream 6.5 keyboard size. I always thought it was my inability that kept me from playing much of the classical repertoire - now I see that I was disadvantaged, and didn't need to be. The 6.0 and 5.5 inch keyboards need to be widely available and accepted by the industry.
253	I have the 5.5 DS keyboard and it is life changing! I went from not playing piano at all to starting to record my first album!
254	I would welcome easy, affordable access to a smaller keyboard! But even then, there is the problem of public performance ... traveling with my own piano is not really an option.
255	A piano made to scale will benefit so many people. Beginners who are small children will definitely find it useful.
256	Making alternatively sized keyboards more available would significantly impact my performing and teaching in such a positive way. This is a needed option for so many pianists and students!
257	I'm looking for a digital piano or keyboard with 88 very small keys. If the keyboard is not portable, then one may only play it where the wooden piano is.
158	I need a keyboard controller with a decent action with narrow keys so I may play octaves without tiring my hands.
259	I have tried for years and just cannot do it. I am a stellar flute player and play saxes pretty well... the piano is my favorite instrument and still cannot grasp it.
260	I injured both of my wrist playing the piano. I am limited by the reach of my hand, putting a lot of stress on my joints and tendon when playing octaves and wider chords. A 7/8 keyboard or even smaller would open up repertoire to me which I dream of being able to play.
261	Narrow piano now!!!
262	Please make DS5.5TM and DS6.0TM models.
263	As a trained musician (Bachelor of Music, University of Queensland) with my major instrument being piano, I cannot even begin to imagine the huge impact a narrower keyed piano would have made. Even large octave runs were/are difficult and much of the repertoire is/was outside my ability due to a much smaller hand size. Not stressing both physically and mentally when playing/performing would have allowed for not only far more musical performances but also far enhanced enjoyment on my part.
264	Please stop ignoring pianists (mostly female, I guess) with small hands! As a touring musician, I'd love the lower weight as well.
265	Please, please help female musicians like me get access to pianos we can play without injury.

266	Just learned about sizing a keyboard to the size of one's hands. Totally agree, great idea, especially if the keyboards could be made switchable on digital keyboards.
267	Can only bring about more students who want to play and encourage their success. The production and sale of more pianos. The greater interest in piano music and a reinvigorated desire for pianos in schools and at home!
268	I hope that fat pig Liszt might be rolling in his grave reading this. #equalityforall
269	Would help so many people. Do it.
	Tired of male pianists with giant hands insisting that small hands can play the piano just fine because many people have "overcome" the issue by suffering with pain or simply dropping notes. This is not a solution and there is no reason there shouldn't be variation of piano key sizes to accommodate the hand size of the player.
270	I hope this happens, becomes the norm in keyboard and piano buying, and becomes available in the Philippines.
271	Most Asians in particular have small hands and would greatly benefit in having a piano keyboard of just the right size. Please hear us! Thanks!
272	Unparalleled opportunity to play on these instruments!
273	Do pianistic justice for small handed people! It is just the right thing to do!
274	Introduction to reduced size keyboard has been a breakthrough discovery; I hope this petition enables them to become more widespread and utilized by more people in need of them.
275	Please offer pianists the option of the DS 6.0 and DS 5.5. Thanks !!
276	DS6.0 would allow me to play jazz 10ths with less pain on the 9ths! Please do this for digital pianos too. Portability is important.
277	It would be a good idea to create a 9/10 size piano.
278	This benefits everyone. Pianos become more accessible which would lend to more pianos being sold overall. It's a win-win for everyone involved.
279	This would transform the learning experience for many of my students.
280	Any person who depends on an instrument / instruments for their livelihood, whether it be for music, sport, science, medicine, or any other profession, should have options for instrument customization. It's a strange historical anomaly that the piano keyboard is codified to a larger-than-average hand size.
281	As a beginner learning on a large piano is really off-putting and discouraging because struggling way more than others for worse results is extremely discouraging. I really feel that more people would start piano or not abandon early by using a size that is enjoyable to play.
282	Please, we need smaller keyboard options available to more people.
283	I am a "senior" but have an 11 yr old grand-daughter learning piano. How good it would be for her to be able to continue with her music, as opposed to giving up because she found it too difficult???
284	We need this so as to develop the wonderful talent that lies within these smaller fingers.
285	Please!!
286	A smaller width keyboard would prevent pain and strain for many with small hands and allow the player to continue performing or teaching to share the joy of music!

287	I have tried one and as I have arthritis it was much easier to play, especially the octaves.
288	KEYBOARDS TO ACCOMMODATE DIFFERENT SIZED HANDS MAKE MUSIC PLAYING AND INTERPRETATION ACCESSIBLE TO ALL. EG. MUCH OF LIZST IMPOSSIBLE FOR SMALLER HANDS TO PLAY ON A NORMAL ONE SIZE FITS ALL KEYBOARD.
289	We need these small sized pianos for the smaller hands that we are trying to teach.
290	Decades of frustration with repertoire restricted by full size piano keyboards.
291	As an average consumer. I have no aspiration for concerts, performing anywhere outside my home. I only wish for comfort. Reaching past a ninth is impossible for me. Half of your consumer base runs a higher risk of injury due to physical limitations alone. I think digital pianos are an amazing technology, allowing key size to exist independent of sound. Give people a choice.
292	It's necessary!
293	I'd like to see narrower keys available for digital as well as acoustic pianos.
294	Having a keyboard that fit my hands would change everything for me and give me greater access to literature that I love!
295	Sorry, I'm not english, I don't understand what target means, but I'm over 18 and I wanted to say that I don't wanna put my real name, so I putted another. Thanks, also, where can I buy a piano for my size?
296	I have had multiple hand injuries after practicing for 1000's of hours on standard keyboards. I'd love to play pain-free!
297	The "regular Piano" key size is standardized on the average white european male's hand size. Therefore many professionally trained pianist with small hands (mainly women ...) suffer from hand injuries and tension! A smaller key size would NOT EVEN affect the sound of the instrument - compared to other instruments that are available in different sizes. Instead a lot of tips how to overstretch you fingers and leave out notes in a composition. This is ridiculous! And discriminating. At least female professional pianist shouldn't be so obedient anymore. There should be a tsunami going on, honestly!
298	Please make this mainstream! We need this.
299	Please make this happen!!!
300	I definitely want to have DS5.5 (both acoustic and electric) pianos.
301	It would be life-changing to be able to play on a piano with smaller sized keys to accommodate my smaller hands. I prefer digital/electronic keyboards. Please consider manufacturing these!
302	As soon as digital keyboards come in this size, much more people will be interested in playing and buying. They will realize quickly that they want this product.
303	I am a man with smaller hands than average, DS 5.5 for digital / midi keyboards would be truly amazing. Especially with semi-weighted or full-weighted action!
304	I'm a guitar player who wants to learn piano/keyboard. My hands are small. If a small size keyboard was available for electric keyboards, I would buy one today.
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307	One size does not fit all! There are so many pieces that are a struggle to play, or I have to adapt in order to perform.
308	My mother wouldn't let me take lessons as a child, because my hands were too small with short fingers. She said that I would never be able to span the keys.
309	I'm a professional pianist and I've always had problems reaching even an octave. With a smaller keyboard I believe I could finally play comfortably large tremolos, chords and octaves.
310	I am a 5'11" adult male with only an octave span of my fingers. I cannot comfortably play 9ths and cannot play a 10th at all. Personally, I would especially desire MIDI keyboard controllers in a range of keyboard widths (DS 5.5 for me) as I do not have a conventional grand or upright piano, only an electronic piano and various synths and MIDI keyboard controllers.
311	It would be great if pianos with narrower keys better suited for small hands (children, women etc) would be widely available.
312	I once played on a 7/8 size keyboard and it was a revelation! The advanced repertoire that I had spent countless hours trying (and sometimes failing) to perfect at university was actually easy... I thought they were just difficult pieces, but no. I had to play in such a tense position while preparing for my senior recital that my forearms felt like they were burning. I'm lucky that I didn't come away with an injury! Finally it made sense to me how there could be only one man in my professor's studio, but yet most concert pianists are men. It's just easier for them to play! It's time to level the playing field.
313	I wish it will come true!
314	I think digital pianos are an amazing technology . But please do it for Both digital and acoustic ! Give People A Choice . I Cannot Comfortably Play A 9th . ( I can actually play a 9th ... but it is Not Comfortable . I have to stretch . And then I will experience ache and discomfort afterwards . I am really worried about running the risk of injury . ) It would help so many people . Please Do it . Please Hear Us ! Thanks ! IF string players violin , cello, can have smaller instruments , why can't pianists ? ( Check Out This Video From An Injured Pianist With Small Hands —> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jn9-c8n0Q3s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jn9-c8n0Q3s</a> ) ( Check out this video too !! Interview with David Steinbuhler, Developer of Smaller Piano Keyboards —> <a href="https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=YGwGBozPJFg">https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=YGwGBozPJFg</a> )
315	I'm tired of not being able to play my favorite piece of classical music (Chopin's Prelude in C Minor) because my hands are so tiny; for heaven's sake, give us smaller keys!
316	I have a small hand (7.8 inches, or 20cm) and cannot reach 9th comfortably, and even 8th on white keys if played fast. Difficulties I had while playing pieces with many octaves would have disappeared immediately if I had DS5.5 keyboard.
317	Please Yamaha et al. Make a reduced size keyboard. Even an electric would be invaluable for the next generation of pianists. It would allow women and smaller hands to play anything!
318	To fit a Fazioli seven foot grand piano for my hands which are in the smallest category.
319	I would be so much better at piano if I had keys that were fitted to my small hands! So often I stop playing when my wrist or hands get sore. Please make this happen! It's 2020, it's time for equity!

320	There are different sizes for guitars, violins, cellos.... We are a progressive society and it's time that we started accommodating people of all hand sizes. There are just too many people with smaller hands that face this limitation.
321	Please consider manufacturing smaller keyboards for those such as myself with smaller hands. Thank you.
322	Please make it smaller!
323	Have small hands. Would love to learn piano.
324	I have small hands, and I have spent my whole life feeling frustrated that my hands and the keys don't fit.
325	Keyboards in narrower sizes are much needed. Please!
326	No one should have to give up their dreams. Please make pianos to accommodate all musicians! I simply can't continue playing the pieces I want because the stretch is too painful.
327	No one should have to give up their dreams. Please make pianos to accommodate all musicians! I simply can't continue playing the pieces I want because the stretch is too painful.
328	As a piano student with very small hands I think is unfair to be limited by the anatomy of my body. I think is logic to make that limitation disappears if you have the option.
329	I can just about play an octave on a standard size keyboard. It blows my mind that there are people who can play 9ths and 10ths, and I want to join that club! Unfortunately growth serums for the hands are not an option, so it'll have to be narrower keys.
330	I have small hands and would greatly benefit from a keyboard with a 5.5 inch octave span. Would appreciate any help in locating such instruments. Thanks.
331	As we all age, our small hands and tendons will tolerate less being pounded while stretched to the max. There will be a market for all of the small-handed pianists who do not want to give up playing Chopin/Liszt etc. due to age.
332	Dear piano manufactures, I am a female adult who has a really small hands so that I barely can play an octave. I lose my interest in piano when I was young because people always tell me that I don't have the inborn talent of playing piano because of my small hands. I also found myself harder to play the music that are easy for my male friends. That really disappointed me and convinced me that I don't have the intrinsic talent of piano. I really wish you can re-standardize the key size standards in the commercial industry and produce the DS6.0, DS5.5, and DS5.1 (for kids) keyboards, especially the digital keyboards, so small-hands people like us can achieve of our dreams of piano more easily too. I really appreciate! If there will be a digital DS5.5 keyboard or piano coming out, I will get it ASAP without any doubts! Thank you very much! Sincerely, Your customer.
333	Need piano keyboards that fit our hands.
334	It would be wonderful to play music without pain and injuries.
335	I support the need to have on the market keyboard with smaller pitch. Easier to learn for small hands. Need to remove many roadblocks and discomfort in learning to enable more piano players for the future.
336	All for a more suitable instrument. If piano could be available in an more suitable for a majority smaller form which can reduce injuries from occurring and expanding the enjoyability of the instrument for more variety of people, why would one be against it?
337	A recent study revealed that the current standard key size is too large for 78% of the population, needlessly exposing a majority of piano players to discomfort and injury. Discomfort and injury cause many people to quit playing the piano. Offering pianos with smaller keyboards would cause many more people to keep playing - a win-win scenario for both piano players and manufacturers.
338	I would like to sign this petition for building pianos with narrow keys.
339	I have always wanted to have a smaller piano or keyboard to play. I'm not a concert pianist or anything but I like to play for my own enjoyment and I do not see why I should risk injury when I'm not entering in any competitions. I have a career where I have to use my hands a lot so I cannot risk injuring my hands...thus I seldom play anymore. Also, I would like for my children to be able to play on something that is suitable for them until they grow into perhaps a larger keyboard size. I don't

	think it makes much sense for them to play on a large keyboard when they could benefit on playing something their size. It's kind of ridiculous that this hasn't been done yet and it seems discriminatory. Make different size keyboards. It seems like it would boost your sales as people would probably need up buying at least two pianos or keyboards if they have kids. For example I would start mine on a ds5.5 and if they needed to upgrade then I'd purchase the standard one later for them. You guys are really dropping the ball here. Hopefully someone will make this happen soon.
340	Please make this available before I grow old and die.
341	I can barely reach a 9th but I am desperate to play Liszt and Rachmaninoff.
342	Why aren't smaller pianos already widely available?
343	From a business standpoint, it'd seem like the first company to make a smaller-sized keyboard would make a fortune! Im sure in just a number of years so many adults—amateur and professional—who are frustrated with the length of their fingers limiting what they can play will flock to the store to replace their standard pianos. And then how about all the teachers and schools out there that would purchase—in bulk—smaller sized keyboards for teaching children, and all those teachers that would recommend a smaller sized keyboard to the parents of their young students. I'm really thinking of an electric keyboard, but a quality one, in the \$300-600 range, but with nicer models costing, \$1000, \$2000, etc. It's incredible actually why there aren't smaller sized electric keyboards. With sound generated digitally, size of the keys and keyboard makes absolutely no difference! Especially when there are guitars of many different sizes by 2021, and *those* can be of variable quality due to the smaller body and different string tension and thus the sound sometimes suffering. And yet they still sell marvelously because people pick it up and love how easy it is to play everything! (I used to work at a big music store). But an electronic keyboard would be easy to manufacture and produce the same quality of sound. And even an acoustic piano seems like it has been figured out by some builders. From a personal standpoint, I have small hands, but also an autoimmune disease that attacks my nerves and causes chronic pain. I'm able to live life, but the difference is I'm about 50x less durable than the average person. Really, this means that I'm extremely sensitive to non-ergonomic movements, or more broadly, actions that cause tension, require strength, etc. I can reach a 9th and even barely a 10th, but I'm so so aware of how almost every movement (chords but even just arpeggios or scales or literally any texture) would be made easier with a smaller-sized keyboard. I have the same size hands as my brother who plays octaves without pain, but with my autoimmune disease, playing octaves flares up my nerves through my whole upper body in a number of minutes. Playing just one white note less (a 7th) feels so incredibly better! I'm currently so limited to the repertoire I can play. Even my brother, who is a 5'10" male like me, struggles to play even moderate Romantic repertoire or even Bach due to his slightly smaller than average male hands. It would be so enabling and so equalizing for people of all sizes to not be limited by their genetics, at least when playing the piano. To the manufacturers, please create alternatively-sized keyboards: for your own wealth, and for the benefit of current and future pianists to experience mental and/or physical suffering due to too large of keys.
344	Piano keyboard are too big for almost every women and also for small handed male.
345	Most people are locked out of the most beautiful romantic piano rep. because it requires an UNUSUALLY wide span-very unfair especially for women, Asians, etc. with naturally smaller hands.
346	I'd give away my kidney for this.
347	Please consider at least making smaller digital keyboards as standard. This would unlock material for children, and lead to less injuries for women such as myself. We have so many options available for other instruments such as the violin, with good reason, and should have the same for pianoforte, at least for the digital models which are less expensive. Thank you.
348	Manufacturers, please make the smaller sized keyboards asap, you will reach a huge market.
349	I am a pianist with small hands, I hardly reach an octave... and I know people with the same 'problem'. I would like this situation to change, is this petition still open? If so, I would share. If not, I would like you to make another one, because in my country I find the situation difficult to change...
350	Please manufacture pianos and keyboards with narrower keys. There is a HUGE demand for this. Teachers of young children, and most pianists need narrower keys.
351	People with smaller hands also deserves to play piano. Stop the discrimination. Make pianist as a profession accessible to everyone with talent and hard work. Make alternative keyboards available.
352	Pianist and teacher

353	It would make me so happy to be able all the pieces I love without being prevented from it because of my hand size.
354	So many other instruments come in different sizes. Pianos should be no different. Whole musical worlds will open up to people that way.
355	I love piano and am continuously pushing myself to learn and practice more. But the pain is becoming insurmountable. I am a woman and I have small hands, and no amount of chord rolling can change that. Do manufacturers just want men to play their pianos? It's hard to believe otherwise. My piano is beginning to break down, and I'm in mourning, because I can't bring myself to spend thousands on an instrument so clearly not intended for me.
356	50% of women over 60 have base-of-thumb arthritis and can't stretch as they used to. There is a market for smaller keys!
357	An enthusiastic but small-handed amateur pianist, for me playing an octave with ease would be a dream. I need to use headphones and have been looking to upgrade to a high quality digital piano as close as possible to an acoustic grand. I'm holding off in the hope of alternative size keyboards being available some time soon. I would pay an extra \$5000 or so like a shot. More than that, I would think a bit, but probably still pay it.
358	I would love a piano with keys that fit my lady fingers, and would enjoy playing so much more! As is often the case in a one-size-fits-all world, the one size is for MEN.
359	I would be instantly in on an 88 key weighted keyboard with midi or midi over usb!
360	With electronic pianos, the rest of the instrument (electronics) doesn't need to change! With acoustic pianos, a lot of other parts need to be resized.
361	I am not looking to play music professionally but have been having fun learning over the last year. As I start venturing into harder pieces, I am finding myself extremely limited by the size of my hands. My maximum hand span is a generous 7 inches. I can play an octave with my fingers at the absolute edges of the keyboard, painfully spread out. A digital piano with narrower keys would turn many songs from frustrating to fun. How many people stop playing simply because the keys are too wide? How many people don't even start thinking their hands are too small? The width of the keys has no impact on the sound of the instrument itself, but has a huge impact on the comfort and ability of the player. It's absurd that smaller pianos, especially digital pianos for the non-professional, don't already exist. Please make them exist.
362	I have never been able to play certain pieces, because of the small size of my hands. I eventually injured my wrists, and years later, I still have to stick to pieces that don't stretch my hands over the keys too far. I am thrilled to hear about smaller-sized keyboards being made. This is revolutionary! I feel that everyone deserves a chance to play any piece they want.
363	My hand size can only reach an 8th on a regular piano so my hand size is about 7.5 inches. I wish there was a smaller keyboard size to fit my hand
364	Needs to happen.
365	I would like to have smaller sized Pianos, that everyone is comfortable with their Hand Size.
366	I fully hope these companies listen and this movement finds success at making a change. I have always wanted to play the piano and have tried many times, though at every attempt I could never do it. Not being able to get my hands to a 6.5" width let alone the standard 8.5" it always felt like I couldn't play anything properly.
367	This simply needs to happen. Piano is something that should be for any wanting person to be experienced in its full glory and that is not possible with the standard sized piano for a lot of people.
368	There is clearly a large market for smaller keyboards and whoever's first to start selling them would gain an advantage over the others. Why are you ignoring us piano manufacturers?
369	This needs to start with the manufacturer. Once they start building such pianos, demand will quickly surge.
370	j'ai des petites mains, je veux un clavier ds6.0
371	I need this
372	It's time to enable small hands to do huge things on the piano.

373	This is really what the piano world needed. Thanks for paskpiano for inventing this for all of us!
374	I am 66 now just retired with bucket list to learn piano. Just started in Dec2021. My hand width is just under 8 inches. YES bring on the DS range as standard fare for pianos!
375	My hands only stretch 7" and it greatly impacts what I can play, I would love to see alternate keyboard sizes available and would absolutely purchase one.
376	<p>Dear manufacturers,</p> <p>This year in 2022 I was going to decide to buy a digital piano. But after learning that I need at least an 8.5-inch hand width I figured that I will never be able to be the best pianist I could be as I only have a 7-inch hand width.</p> <p>That only leaves me one choice, to buy from a manufacturer that will support Donison – Steinbuhler DS5.5 standard.</p> <p>It's 2022, not the 1700's or 1800's anymore. This leaves me going back to my acoustic guitar. I was really hoping to purchase a digital piano this year but it will not happen. I did extensive research this year to purchase a digital piano. I thought about the Kawai CN29, Kawai KDP-120, Yamaha Arius YDP-164, Korg LP-380U, Roland FP-30X, Roland FP-90X, Nord Grand 88-Key, and many more.</p> <p>So far the only promising company is Hailun, even if I have to save \$15K to purchase one then I will do it. Every year piano manufacturers bring in more tech and more features. Why not offer key size as a feature? It just makes no sense as one size does not fit all.</p> <p>You wear a large size shirt, you go to the store and there are only medium and small shirts left that don't fit you. Do you buy that and wear it? Of course not. I'm not settling for anything less for my piano.</p>
377	Until recently, I never even considered keyboards could be made in different sizes. Then I discovered that historically, piano keyboard sizes ranged widely. Only in modern times have they been so large. If I had the opportunity to buy a keyboard to fit my smaller hands, I would jump on it.
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381	As with Universal Design, this modification might help all who play, not just those who need it. Smaller keyboards please.
382	Not only are smaller keyboards easier to play, but they weigh less!
383	Please start making narrower piano keyboards available as an option on your pianos.
384	The availability of a piano with smaller width keys would benefit so many people. The years on my hands are numbered and I think a smaller scale piano might buy me some time.

385	Please produce keyboards in three standard sizes so that purchasers of new pianos have a choice. The three sizes are the current 'large' keyboard with 6.5 inch (16.5 cm) octave, plus two smaller sizes with 6.0 inch (15.2 cm) octave and 5.5 inch (14.1 cm) octave.* I have small hands as many pianists, only 7.3-7.5 inch RH and LH.
386	This is a huge deal for the vast majority of pianists. this can literally change the world for millions of current and future pianists. a very worthy investment.
387	I would definitely buy a piano with narrower keys.
388	Absolutely
389	My husband and I, we have small hands and we struggle playing big chords. We want to have choice and we want to enjoy playing piano into our old days.
	I want to be able to play jazz comping that involves large chords with tenths. If there were a piano with narrower keys it'd be my first choice!
390	I want to support this any way I can!
391	Please make pianos for smaller hands.
392	In hopes of a future with options for players with smaller hands.
393	I've lived with a playing related injury for almost 15 years and have only learned about alternate-sized keyboard this year as a graduate student of Dr. Barbara Lister-Sink. Having played a 15/16ths piano this fall, I felt like I met my long lost friend. My relationship with my instrument and myself would have been completely different had I been playing a piano that fit my smaller hands.
394	Couldn't agree more. When 80% of women and 25% of men don't have what is considered the ideal hand span of 8.5", which is what our DS6.5 pianos are designed with in mind, and when there is a high correlation between hand span size and piano related injury, alongside the fact that many other instrument families provide smaller versions of their instruments for body ergonomics, the fact we have only one standardised piano option on the market is mind baffling. We sorely need a choice.
395	Please make pianos for smaller hands.
396	It is ridiculous that every other instrument, (violin, cello. guitar, etc.) offer alternative sizes and ease of configuration except for piano.
397	I can barely reach an octave on the edge of the keys which has stopped me from attempting many pieces with large intervals so I think smaller keys would benefit many people with small hands!!
398	If there would be a 7/8 or 15/16 keyed for a reasonable price, I'd certainly would get one. Every music school should at least have one of those smaller keys pianos to enable children to play a more advanced repertoire. Also great for the rental business and have a strong customer relationship.
399	It seems that people are most excited about the new possibility of playing big chords with smaller keys, but my personal experience is that even something as basic as scales would be a lot more enjoyable on smaller keyboards. The most comfortable fingering for me to play two adjacent black keys is 2-4 rather than 2-3 (as a matter of fact, playing with 2-3 feels pretty painful to me from time to time); my Mozart sonatas fingerings are definitely very different from those suggested by music editors, and I play/sound way better with my own "fingerings for average female hands" (I can reach an octave, barely reach a 9th). I think what you (i.e., PASK) are doing is absolutely amazing work. We definitely should push for

	more accessible smaller keyboard pianos. I will be purchasing my own grand piano a few years down the road, and whichever manufacturer that'll have a D.S. 5.5 grand piano will surely get my money. I didn't know about the existence of smaller piano keyboards until after I injured my hands and wrists when practicing "Waldstein" (you really don't even need to go beyond the Classical period to appreciate a smaller keyboard!) and I started to do a lot of research on piano performance injuries. I will stand as an adamant advocate for smaller keyboards henceforth -- I can't believe that no manufacturer is considering this; the potential market would be huge in Asia if there is sufficient advocacy, but the latter part has been quite difficult, of course. Keep up the good work (and I will add my own tiny contribution to your saintly effort) and count me in!
400	Ever since I've started playing piano seriously, my hands have been strained to the point where the tendons get inflamed and I have to take breaks and massage them... having smaller sized keyboards would solve that.
401	This would help many players! I'm also an upright bass player and 3/4th size became the standard rather than 4/4.
402	I would love to buy a MIDI Keyboard controller with 7/8 size Keyboard
403	I want to be able to buy any piano, keyboard, or synthesizer with an option to choose narrower keys. For me, playing the piano is mostly a pain.
404	The majority of pianists will benefit from this! I always have to be modifying the scores I'm learning because there are some chords that are simply impossible for me to play even though I'm a full grown adult
405	Alternate size keyboards have the potential to bring the joy of complex technical pieces to all, not just the genetically gifted few.
406	PLEASE THE WORLD NEEDS THIS
407	The male bias in maintaining outside keys is obvious, surely the first serious manufacturer to address this issue will make a killing?
408	I, myself, love to play the piano but always struggled and went through pain and cannot motivate myself to go further since my health is more important to me. I believe having a more narrow piano size would help me to keep myself motivated and would widen my range of excitement and happiness while playing. Music helps me to relax but if playing is pain... I don't want it.
409	This is an important step to equity in music.
410	I would love to buy a MIDI Keyboard controller with 7/8 size Keyboard
411	You are going to make more money with this!
412	I am also a pianist with small hands who can just reach an octave without using the edges of the white keys, and I would definitely benefit from using a narrower keyboard on my piano. The struggle for small handed pianists is real, and let me tell you, I could not play octaves at all without using the edges of the white keys until I was 15 and a half years old, and I still have to use the edges of the keys to this day in order to have the most sound control when playing loud, voiced octave chords. I even consider myself lucky because I don't have the smallest hands in the world, and I know people whose hands that are even smaller than mine who would struggle way more than I would. While I have no difficulty playing a full size violin and even a smaller 15.5" viola thanks to some joint flexibility, on string instruments I am able to extend my fingers to reach notes in ways that simply offer me no additional advantages on piano. If pianos with smaller keyboards were readily available, I would seriously consider using one right away.
413	Getting comments on better stop playing piano because your hands are too small is a shame in the 21st century. Why not allow people to enjoy playing piano instead of letting them suffer through pain, discomfort and injuries?

414	Future education depends on expanding choice and the chance of success for future generations-woman and fine boned men should not have to strain their hands in pain to fit into an archaic expectation.
415	Dedicated amateur pianist here. Will not buy any new keyboard of current size. However, willing to buy an equivalent Kawai K400 and/or Yamaha P515 with smaller keyboard whenever introduced. Tired of not being able to voice chords the way I want.
416	Please yes make the smaller keyboards available! I am willing to purchase this. I probably need a 5.5 due to my small hands.
417	Smaller keyboards are critical to the health of people with small hands and creates an uneven playing field, violating equal opportunity. Smaller keyboards for children starting piano would allow them to develop proper technique at an earlier stage, analogous children starting on a 1/2 or 3/4 violin. The number of men and women with smaller hands, added to the number of children who start piano each year yields a large pool of poorly served consumers yearning for a piano that fits them. The company that first meets this unfilled need will be positioned as the primary supplier for half the adult pianists and all of the future pianists.
418	I would love to have narrower keys. I am very comfortable at an arranger with slightly smaller keys, but I like the sound and feeling of the acoustic piano.
419	I feel pain in my finger joints when I play my synthesizer for a somewhat long time. I know that a lot of piano players experience the same issue. It demotivates a lot of people (especially women, as they statistically have smaller hands) to play piano regularly. Playing piano would be much more enjoyable if there've been keyboards with narrower keys.
420	Am suffering joint pain in thumbs and pinkies due to stretching to play open chord voicings. A DS 5.5 keyboard in a piano type progressive weighted digital piano or midi controller would be very valuable for me.
421	This would make piano more accessible to so many more people and greatly help pianists with small hands such as myself. Please make this a reality.
422	There are so many instruments offered with alternative sizes, especially at schools, so why are these companies resisting when there's a clear market?
423	Piano makers, if you revere Beethoven, please give him the chance to be played and enjoyed by more of his fans. His habitual scowl will be vanquished and he will smile radiantly on you.
424	Like many other pianists, my smaller hand size limits how well I can play at times or strains them. All I'm seeing from piano manufacturers now is their refusal to give equal opportunity of playing with freedom and ease to people with smaller hands who are the majority of pianists.
425	Bring back small sized keyboards for those who need it!
426	This, please! I'm saving for a Kawai 500...but since Hailun offers an acoustic that will fit me, I may have to change plans. Kawai is so proud of its innovation....changing keybeds cannot possibly be a bad thing!
427	This is about so much more than just pianos.
428	It is nothing short of discrimination to refuse to produce keys suited the hands of female pianists, when women should be more than half of the global population. I'm tired of having repeated injuries and pain from playing on keys too large for the female hand. Caroline Criado Perez was right!

429	I play piano as a hobby but my hands are starting to show symptoms of arthritis at 40. Piano playing actually seems to help with stiffness but I cannot risk getting injuries. Many adults reconnect with piano when their kids start to learn or after the kids are grown. Many people picked up piano again during the pandemic. We are not concerned about following the standard of professional world. We just want a piano that works for us.
430	Despite owning 2 pianos, if I could purchase a 5.5 today for an amateur, I would do it in a heartbeat!
431	Absolutely this is a must, after watching a video on a technique and trying it out, I thought, "well I guess that's me out on that technique". But no! There used to be smaller key sizes and this would help all of us creative folk to actually reach our potentials. The globe is full of talent and it would be a shame to see that go to waste with changing manufacturing processes that will result in less jobs. Now is the time to standardize 3 different sizes to fit all adults. I would happily pay a sum to save my wrist from further injury after many years of over stretching on instruments. I don't have the smallest hands, but I don't have the biggest either!
432	Yes much needed. Want a home version I'm not a professional but have common sense!!! Give us a choice!
433	Exciting. can't wait. Thanks.
434	Very hopeful that you would make instruments I can play comfortably one day.
435	This is an absolute must! Please manufacture smaller size keyboards
436	I wanted to be a piano major, but even in high school I started experiencing hand pain as I began to play advanced repertoire. For the last fifteen years, I have not been able to play or practice piano the way I would like because of constant hand pain when practicing. Currently, even an octave is too far for my hand to stretch. I would trade my piano in for a smaller one in a heartbeat if I could play without pain again!
437	We need these pianos.
438	I would buy a piano with smaller keys. Please consider making them. I'm sure you would make a profit. Yamaha? Kawai? you are missing out on a large market...
439	It only makes sense to allow for different size keys to fit the player, and allow for them to play without pain, and discomfort. Thank you
440	I play guitar and there are lots to choose from for my small hand. I also play piano but have a 7" span and would love to have a smaller keyboard size. It would transform my playing. Please consider making them. They make small violins for children, why not smaller keys. Perhaps start with the electronic clavivona type pianos first if money is a huge issue. Thank you for listening!
441	I learned of this possibility after watching Lionel Yu's YouTube video titled Piano's Darkest Secret. I had no idea there were any other options! As an amateur player I could reach octaves okay, but it was a stretch to reach a 9th, and a 10th was impossible to reach at speed. I hope piano manufacturers take note of this issue. I mostly play on a Kawai MP8-II these days, and I would love it if Kawai would make a similar model with a reduced sized keys.
442	If only I could play the large chords. Please make smaller keyboards. I have both a Bechstein grand and a Kawai digital piano. All my life I've wished for a smaller keyboard but could never find one. At 57 I hope this wish can finally come true and that I can also bring that joy to my daughter whose hands are even smaller than mine.
443	A number of synth and MIDI controllers need this as well. Almost all professional keyboards are missing this crucial ergonomic aspect.

444	I would eagerly purchase a smaller keyboard if it was available.
445	Qwerty won out and set the world back a hundred years so that pro typist would not be pushed out, nobody is going to be overrun by narrower piano keyboards so just DO IT!
	With a choice in keyboard size, we would see more and more incredible small-handed pianists brought to the light, expressing and interpreting all kinds of music in new ways. Such pianist have been hindered by their hand size. One can only imagine the number of piano greets the world has never heard, simply because they were born with small hands.
446	It's really shameful that these company only makes one standard size keyboard and chose to neglect the majority of female pianists.
447	I have an small hand an incipient arthrosis in one of the pinky finger, so it is son painful to playing octaves, even more when playing white and black keys simultaneously. I will than a smaller keyboard.
448	I play a digital piano. If someone comes out with a quality digital piano for smaller hands, I will buy it yesterday!!! My hands hurt from playing on a piano for a grown man with large hands. I cannot play certain songs and have to play alternative keys. If you offer a smaller piano, there are so many more like me that will want one! The fact that this is even being talked about is wonderful, and this conversation will grow. This is much needed.
449	This so so cleaver and makes sense.
450	I can only span an octave (somewhat) comfortably, and would buy a smaller-sized keyboard in a heartbeat. I cannot figure out why manufacturers think that there is no market for smaller keyboards!
451	for better-sized pianos
452	There are multiple size string instruments for those small in stature, why not build piano keyboards in the same way? Why should a person with small hands have to avoid pieces with octaves (or tenths!) because they were born with smaller hands?
453	I own a dozen electronic keyboards (2 are full sized 88 note controllers) and no piano. I hardly ever use the controllers or own a piano because I cannot play for very long without experiencing pain. Thanks to MusicalBasic's video I will now do some more research and see if I might be able to rectify my situation.
454	I'd like to see some more variety in key sizes please, I have a fairly small hand for a man. I have fairly dexterous hands, but I always felt the distances on piano keyboards to be unnatural to me.
455	We urgently need pianos with smaller keys. Having standard size pianos is discriminatory . People with small hands also have the right to play without pain/discomfort due to larger keyboards.
456	After over 20 years of playing, getting an alternate size keyboard would be a game changer for my skills. Producing them will have clear financial benefit for these companies.
457	It seems slightly crazy to me that keyboards with narrower keys aren't already available on the market. I would buy one, and I know several others who would also.
458	I have a lot of pain playing complex songs and I would be very happy if piano companies would begin manufacturing smaller pianos.

459	I would also like to see smaller keyboard available on electronic keyboards. My wish since I was a kid. My hands grew now, but I'm longing to play pianos more comfortably.
460	please help me
461	Why alternative sizes are not already an industry standard is beyond me. To say that there's no market for such pianos/keyboards is blatantly false. Most hands are too small to even come close to spanning a 12th, it should be common sense that this demographic would jump at the opportunity to be able to play chords they previously couldn't reach. Even people who don't know they want them would likely purchase one if they were readily available.
462	Please
463	<p>This problem hits home for me as a male pianist with smaller hands. I watched a piano tutorial video where the teacher improvised some chord progressions, and very casually played this chord with his left hand: C3, C4, E4. I had never even considered the possibility of playing a 10th, and the sound was so beautiful that my inability to play it really upset me. Since that moment, I have been on a mission to find a smaller keyboard.</p> <p>There is literally no reason to continue with the "one size fits all" mentality when it comes to the standard keyboard. Those with very small hands who struggle with 8ths are -severely- hindered by the size of the keyboard. The suggestion of playing parts differently, or finding another instrument is absolutely unacceptable. The problem of "small hands" needs to be reframed as what it really is: a problem of a large keyboard. Most other musical instruments are made in smaller or larger sizes for different hand sizes. Arguments against the PASK mission, such as the argument that one needs to "completely relearn" the piano by changing the size of the keyboard are also not correct at all, and are nothing more than lazy excuses to preserve the exclusive/elitist idea that the piano doesn't need to evolve. It is my opinion that every interval in every piece of music should be accessible to every pianist. I personally would support the development of even smaller sized keyboards (so for example, a child could play a 12th). This development for piano will open the world of music to pieces we could only dream of playing. Imagine if we could play pieces where our hands could span over two octaves!</p>
464	please manufacturers bring us a small sized piano my hands hurt
465	I desperately need a small size keyboard. I'm having too much pain to play but I love playing. Not everybody likes bulky custom piano and can afford it. People with small hands need some options .
466	Hope we can buy a narrow key piano for many years!!!!!!!!!!!!
467	Performer 60 years, Teacher 25 years. I am tired of explaining to children and small handed adults that there is nothing they can do but modify the notes they play to achieve some pieces. I am tired of losing excited students when they realize playing the piano at an advanced level hurts. Very few of my students go on, and they all have big hands.
468	I've spent so much time trying to contort my hands to reach notes that could have been spent improvising, experimenting, feeling the music, or learning with new pieces.
469	Imagine being a plus sized woman but all the clothing you can buy is a size XS. That's what it's like having only one standard keyboard size. It's messed up, quite frankly. I'm 17 and I want to become a professional pianist in the future. But I don't want my dreams to be killed just because



484	The evidence is clear that there should be multiple standard widths for piano keys. This will allow more people to experience the joy of the piano, and in a fair way.
485	We need alternatively sized keyboards so that more people can enjoy the piano.
456	All my life I've wished my hands were bigger. Now I wish for a piano that fits my hands!!!
457	I have played piano my whole life, but I can't reach a 9th! Octaves have to be played on the edges of the keys, and most romantic repertoire causes significant and unnecessary pain! I am going through the process of buying a custom piano fit with one of these smaller keyboards at great expense - there is ASOLUTELY huge demand for these. Now that the internet exists more videos and information and awareness of the issue will come out!
458	I need this, my hand its literally too small to play even a octave.
459	Let's make this happen.
460	Everyone deserves the pleasure of playing big intervals painlessly!
461	Creating smaller scale keyboards is a very smart business move. The first digital keyboard maker to create 5.5 and 6 inch octave keyboards in an affordable price range will make bank. People who would otherwise never play because they have small hands will suddenly be buying pianos with the knowledge that their possibilities are endless.
462	This is so needed! I'm still just a beginner and I've been a little shocked at how often my warmups or practice piece selection have to take into account whether I can actually reach all the keys as written. I have pretty average hands for a woman, too. Surely some company must recognize the sales niche available here! If capitalism can see a sufficient market for pink-handled construction tools, it's incredible that marketing narrow-key pianos to the 54% of adults with hands too small for standard pianos hasn't been done yet.
463	We must spread the message, raise awareness on this issue that affects so many pianists around the world.
464	As a professional pianist, my small hand size has dictated much of my repertoire: I avoid many of the impressive Romantic and 20th century pieces that are helpful to begin a career with. When I tried to find ways to play Liszt and Rachmaninoff "in a relaxed manner," I still ended up injuring myself, and I carry those injuries with me to this day. It would have changed the course of my career as well as my health if I could have had access to pianos with smaller keyboards.
465	It's really frustrating being a beginner and having to play a huge sized piano. My hands are really small. There have been times where I think I'll never get good at the piano cause of my hands. It's like a breath of fresh air knowing there are smaller sizes for small handed people.
466	Every piano teacher I've ever heard from talks about playing with a relaxed hand... That would be much easier to do if the size of the instrument itself did not require hyper-extending my hands.
467	Need this in designs for practice like headphone , low volume speakers
468	The only piano that I plan to purchase next is one with a keyboard that respects and is appropriate for my hand size.
469	I support equal opportunity for all hand shapes and sizes to be able to enjoy the magic of playing piano.
470	Everyone has the right to happiness and equality, please produce a new standard keyboard (6.0) so everyone can feel comfortable while playing the piano.

471	I'm Professor of Piano and Coordinator of the Performance Science Centre Lab, School of Music, California State University, Fullerton. I'm also a member of the Performing Arts Medicine Association. The use of smaller keyboards as a regular piano industry standard is long overdue.
472	I would pay tomorrow for a piano with a smaller sized keyboard. I want this so much I would sell my beloved baby grand I grew up playing to have one. Not being in pain while playing some of my favourite pieces from my youth (piano player for 15 years) would be revolutionary and incredibly emotional. I have so many memories of being in pain after practice and frustration at having to fudge passages not because of lack of skill or effort but purely because my fingers could not stretch.
473	I feel like this would make people more likely to pick up piano as a hobby, since you could have a more comfortable instrument even if your hands aren't huge without having to pay absurd amounts of money for something custom.
474	Anatomy shouldn't be an obstacle to play piano comfortably, only practice should be.
475	Honor to write to you, dear Piano Manufacturers. Thank you so much for producing such great pianos to the world. PASK is a popular topic on the internet now, for adaptation to pianist with different hand sizes. We have trouble with the 6.5inches-to-an-octave key board. Actually, we are discussing about two other sizes: 6.0 inches and 5.5 inches. I'm a piano player with small hands unfortunately. And a great deal of people (including men and women) suffer from their hand sizes as well. So I sincerely hope you may make, for example, 5.5 inches-octave keyboarded pianos, which should be affordable (One size could fit to many many people. Most people couldn't afford a customized piano) just as a "normal piano". Thank you very much.
476	Make smaller keyboards you F-----G CUCKS
477	Let's make it happen!
478	I am a music YouTuber ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2aqHUFY7NB0fSjvvPYsbLg">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2aqHUFY7NB0fSjvvPYsbLg</a> ). I am in support of PASK's goal and I think it will hugely benefit millions of pianists, teachers, and students. The world is evolving, and so should the piano world.
479	On a standard piano, I can reach one octave -- with my thumb and pinky finger on the very ends of the keys, my hand stretched to its absolute limit, and even that isn't sustainable over time without pain. I know I'll never be a professional pianist, but I enjoy music generally and like to play the vocal lines for SATB music on the piano when learning a new choral piece. would like to be able to learn to play a more varied repertoire than just those pieces that feature fairly close chords, intervals of no more than a 5th, etc. Awhile back I bought a child's toy keyboard by Casio, and was delighted the keys were the perfect size for my hands, but it only had 2.5 octaves which is not nearly enough. I understand reluctance to invest the amount of material and labor into a regular acoustic piano of reduced size because even standard pianos are not selling as well as they used to, and most families can only afford one piano if that (at least, as to wooden/acoustic pianos). But surely it's not that hard to produce an electronic keyboard with weighted keys that feels more like an acoustic with smaller keys as an option? Frankly, smaller-handed people -- of whom there are many in the world, especially females and many in Asia -- are a largely untapped market because they've never had a quality product made for them. All the orchestral strings, from violin to viola to cello to bass, come in 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, and other sizes, to accommodate children learning. Why is the piano the only instrument that says "you (or rather, your hand) must be THIS TALL to get on this ride"?
480	I want to love playing the piano. But I don't, because my hands hurt and it takes so much practice time to figure how how to make everything work. Please make smaller keyboards!
481	I sign this petition for all those like myself who dream of playing comfortably and achieving their playing potential.

482	Those of us who have big hands wish to be comfortable when playing the piano!
483	I have an average hand span yet I've always wished my hands were larger because the standard key widths are only comfortable for large and extra large hands! This situation is absurd. Please make narrow key widths available. The potential market for this is huge. If given the choice I'm sure that the significant majority of pianists worldwide will choose NARROWER key widths!
484	I have struggled to move past basic to intermediate pieces. I figured out why a couple decades ago. My hands are too small to reach a 10th. I gave up on piano for 1.5 decades. Recently I purchased a keyboard with the determination to get to a higher level of proficiency/skill. When, I was talking to a fellow musician he told me about octave lengths. WOW! I wish I had discovered this in my 20s. My career choices would have opened up. Please consider that people with different sized hands need keyboards that fit them. Thank you.
485	Can only play 7ths comfortably. I'm 20 and I've already stretched one of my hands out by half a centimeter and still can't reach.
486	Being a short Asian male with small hands, I've always struggled with advanced repertoire due to the octaves and large stretches. Since I have small hands, I am restricted for the most part to Baroque and Classical period repertoire. I've found myself often wishing I had larger hands but never considered the possibility of narrower keys until recently. I am very excited at the prospect of potentially getting a DS5.5 piano so that I can finally play the repertoire which was previously out of reach.
487	I'm a 27 years old female with very small hands. My hand is only comfortable with the 7th. I can't play an octave without hitting the keys adjacent, which is a big obstacle I can't overcome just by practicing . But I don't want give up playing piano, I want to play Chopin. I hope I can own a narrow key piano so I can enjoy the full beauty of piano.
488	The manufacturer that first starts this trend will really revolutionize the piano world.
489	I'd like to find where to get my Schimmel keyboard turned into a small-size hand keyboard. Thank you for all the information you've already gathered.
490	I think it's unfair and discriminatory that only a few people with big hands can experience the real joy of playing.
491	I support this petition that piano manufacturers need to create different sized keyboards.
492	I am a woman with hands so tiny my handspan doesn't even reach 7 inches. It would be brilliant if there were keyboards where my hands could comfortably play more challenging repertoire without getting injured due to over-stretching and straining. I cannot be the only woman with this problem, and it's unfair to expect us to have the handspan of a man with large hands in order to play certain pieces of classical/romantic period music.
493	This is so necessary! There are so many people who don't play the piano simply because their hands don't fit the keys. The idea that the standard keyboard is properly sized based on the fact that all proficient pianists can play on it is pure confirmation bias.
494	I would've thought there is good money to be made for the first major manufacturer to address this issue. Please, please, I really want to try a narrower keyed digital piano!
495	I would love to feel the joy of owning a piano on which I can stretch a tenth with my left hand. Please make one available and perhaps, even affordable, in my lifetime!
496	We need piano keyboards that fit our hands.

497	Hopeful
498	Would help to keep more players enthused and therefore playing longer etc
499	I'd love to play the piano again, but I don't want the unnecessary hand pain the usual keyboard size will require of me. I don't have the space or the budget for an acoustic piano with a custom keyboard, but if anyone offered an appropriately-sized digital piano, I'd buy it in a minute.
500	I took piano lessons for ten years and loved it, before quitting because my hands hurt constantly trying to play the romantic repertoire. I grew frustrated that my hands (in the 3rd percentile for hand span) just cannot hit successive octaves, and forget about ninths or tenths. An alternative keyboard would help me reconnect with piano and be more accessible for the majority of the population.
501	I hadn't heard of this until I tried and bought a smaller gauge keyboard and got on so much better with it.
502	Keyboards of different (smaller) sizes are absolutely necessary. Many people (consumers) do not realize it only because they have not been offered alternatives. Any manufacturer that takes a chance and offers consumers this alternative will be meeting a need most people have. It stands to reason that said manufacturer will make a ton of money. (The input of in-house or hired consultants on the demand of this kind of alternative may be flawed because it assumes that people's self-declarations about what their needs are reflect their actual needs. Any product that meets an actual need is bound to be successful.)
503	The arguments for this are incredibly convincing, and I know a few peers who likely would have benefitted greatly from access to narrower keys. The fact that it's impossible to even "try it on for size" in a piano shop or musical institution anywhere remotely nearby is absurd. Could you imagine asking someone to spend thousands on a personal instrument that will forever be too large for their body and likely result in pain and injury?
504	When I was in music college, I'd watch as some students pulled out their favorite custom guitar to play. I'd realize they had small hands like mine, yet they weren't limited by in their ability to express themselves on their instrument. It seemed so unfair and frustrating that while other musicians found accommodations for their needs, us pianists just had to accept the struggle of pain and fear of injury. Later during my instruction, I did sustain an injury due to overstretching. As a composer, all I longed for was for someone to finally raise the bar and call out the ridiculous nature of our community's piano standards. Why should only half the world have the ability to comfortably play the piano? Doesn't it seem odd that about 80% of women and 25% of men can't truly reach their full potential as a pianist for reasons they simply can't control? Why should they be disqualified from the joys of playing good music? See, the dilemma is the standard size itself - not the people playing. I made so many performance mistakes - not because I didn't try hard, but because I had to try 3 times harder than the average male to contort my hands and execute all of these little adjustments in order to mimic what they could do naturally and effortlessly. The standard needs to change. There needs to be appropriate accommodations in our community. If not for the musicians like me who have already experienced permanent damage due to injury, then for the ones who haven't yet and those who wish they could play but decline because of their God-given hand size. I believe everyone should have the chance to experience playing a piano or a digital keyboard without the isolating factor of hand span. If we can address hundreds of other societal issues with creative solutions and proper accommodations, we can certainly do it for the world of experienced and aspiring musicians.
505	WE NEED SMALLER SIZED KEYBOARDS FOR SMALLER HANDS!!
506	Manufacturers who refuse to offer affordable pianos and/or keyboards under DS6.5 are inherently sexist, and willingly allow women to face injuries and fewer career opportunities for the sake of their profit.

