

# Motivgruppe Musik (International Philatelic Music Study Group)

The “Our Topic” feature in the September 2012 issue of the tri-lingual *Der Musikus* (Whole No. 111) is “The Stamp History of a Piano,” beginning with the pianoforte built about 1700 by Bartolomeo



Cristofori (1655-1731), whose “explosive development after 1760 was mainly due to the enormous social changes of the time ...[when] the desire to learn music led to a

surge in instrument building comparable to that of the aircraft industry in the 20th century or of the computer industry in the last 60 years.” The article goes on to trace a piano made by English piano maker Thomas Broadwood for Beethoven. The “Composers” section includes feature about “Felipe Padilla de Leon,” a major Philippine composer, conductor and scholar, who was known best for translating the lyrics of the Philippine National Anthem from the original Spanish into Tagalog; the Cuban composer, “Félix Guerrero”; the Bulgarian, “Josif Zankow”; and “Wolfgang Rihm,” “one of the best-known contemporary German composers.” Other sections of this issue are devoted to “Performers” (including Wladyslaw Szpilman, Orestis Makris and Georg Solti); “Musical Works”; “Music Venues”; “Music in General”; “Rock Pop Jazz,” which features former Beatle, Paul McCartney,” and includes a checklist of stamp issues, plus Paul Winter, Lill-Babs and an interesting piece on “Th[omas] A. Edison as Record Producer.” Final sections cover Personalized Stamps and New Issues. I am pleased to note that Motivgruppe-Musik garnered several medals at the International Philatelic Literature Exhibition (IPHLA) held in Mainz, Germany, Nov. 2-4, 2012. A Vermeil was awarded for *Der Musikus*, a Gold for its website, [www.motivgruppe-musik.de](http://www.motivgruppe-musik.de), and a Silver Bronze for its *Phila Musica 09* catalog. Congratulations to Peter Lang and Motivgruppe Musik for these achievements!

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