# 2024 Annual PTG Convention & Technical Institute • July 17 – 20 • Reno, NV

# **First-timer Tips (A Convention Primer)**

Planning your trip to the 2024 PTG Convention & Technical Institute can seem overwhelming, so we've created this guide to help you get the most out of your visit.

# **How the PTG Convention & Technical Institute Works**

From the outside, a convention can be intimidating, but if you know how things are organized it can help make sense of it all. Feel free to stop by the Institute Team office if you have questions. You can also find class updates and additional resources posted outside their office.

#### 2024 Institute Team

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- Will Perkins, RPT
- Corie Melaugh, RPT
- Bruce Stevens, RPT, AV Coordinator
- Sandy Roady, Convention Coordinator

# **Opening Social and Opening Session**

If this is your first time attending a PTG Convention, or you'd just like to meet some new people, join us Tuesday, July 16 at 5 p.m. for a meet-and-greet. After that, we'll have our official opening session at 7 p.m. where you can hear more about what's happening and honor our annual award recipients.

# **Classes**

Classes start on Wednesday, July 17, and continue through Saturday, July 20. There are four or five periods per day with short breaks in between periods. Some classes will be offered more than once. You don't have to pre-register for most of the classes. They are included in your registration fee and you can set your own schedule. There are a few that have an additional fee, but these are marked in the class descriptions and on the registration form.

The Institute Team has paid special attention to providing classes for every skill level. Designated skill levels for each class can be found just before the title of the class in the class descriptions. Skill levels are: (E) Everyone, (I) Intermediate, (B) Basic, (A) Advanced.

This year also features a Rebuilders Gallery where you can view some of the outstanding work of our members who do piano rebuilding. Some of them will also be teaching classes. Check the class descriptions for more info.

If you have any questions about classes, please drop by the Institute Office.

# **Exhibit Hall**

The Exhibit Hall has something for every technician. It's an opportunity to learn more about a product or a company before you make a purchase. You'll find plenty of special offers and discounts as you shop. The Exhibit Hall opens at noon on Wednesday. Visit the Exhibitors & Sponsors page to see who is coming.

#### **Discounts & Deals**

# Special Offer for First-Time Convention Attendees PTG members can save \$300 on any 2024 registration.

Available to PTG Members Only. You must call 913-432-9975 to register at this special rate. Coupons and discounts cannot be combined. Limit one convention deal per registration. Coupons cannot be transferred or redeemed for cash value. Special deals only available with registration by phone.

#### **Hotel Amenities for PTG Convention Attendees**

# **Nugget Casino Resort**

1100 Nugget Avenue Sparks, Nevada 89431

# Guest Room Rates (plus taxes and fees; no resort fee)

Single, Double, Triple Occupancy: \$ 119 per night

Rates will apply three (3) days before and three (3) days after official event dates based on hotel availability.

Make reservations by June 28 to receive the special PTG rate.

Reserve your room at the Nugget Casino online at <a href="nuggetcasinoresort.book.pegsbe.com/promo?">nuggetcasinoresort.book.pegsbe.com/promo?</a> propertyCode=NCR&offerCode=GPIANO4

or by calling 800-648-1177. Be sure to ask for the PTG rate.

Amenities include a free shuttle between the Nugget Casino and the Reno-Tahoe International Airport (RNO), complimentary wireless Internet available in all guest rooms as well as lobby, restaurants, and public areas, access to the outdoor pool and fitness center, and self-parking in a secured covered parking structure.

# **Plan Your Trip**

Check out <u>www.visitrenotahoe.com</u> to plan your trip to the Reno/Sparks/Tahoe area. Besides the PTG Convention & Technical Institute, there are plenty of other things in the area to make your time their unforgettable.

#### Guests

Your guests are welcome to attend evening events, visit the Exhibit Hall, and register for our sponsored tour (extra fee.)

The Golden Hammer Banquet on Saturday night requires a ticket. Every Full Pass registration includes a Golden Hammer Banquet ticket. Additional tickets are available for purchase at \$65 each when you register or from the PTG Registration Desk through Wednesday noon.

We ask that all guests register for a complimentary name badge. Drop by the PTG Registration Desk to have one made.

If you need anything or have additional questions during the convention, please visit the PTG Registration Desk. We're looking forward to meeting you.