



**Rare Nineteenth Century  
Steinway Grand Piano to Be Auctioned Thursday, October 16, 2008  
At Kuehnert's Auction Gallery in Houston, Texas**  
*100 Piece Collection of R.Lalique and Sèvres porcelain, bronzes, fine art, 18<sup>th</sup> century antique  
furniture and chandeliers also on the block.*  
*Kuehnert's Auction Gallery fall event will benefit The Heritage Society.*

Houston, Texas – October 16, 2008 – In 1871 Ulysses S. Grant was President of the United States and Queen Victoria reigned over the British Empire. On November 21st of that year, Mrs. E. H. Owen, a resident of 40 Fifth Avenue in New York, took delivery of an exquisite Steinway & Sons grand piano with a Rosewood Bombé case. Mrs. Owen enjoyed the piano until 1890, when its provenance documents that it was shipped to Steinway & Sons in London on August 18<sup>th</sup> of that year.

Fast forward 137 years to October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008, in Houston, Texas. That day, this one-of-a-kind 7 foot-2 inch long, 85-key grand piano featuring bronze doré ormolu will be sold at Kuehnert's Auction Gallery (KAG). And to add to the excitement, a 100 piece collection early 20<sup>th</sup> century signed Lalique crystal, along with Sèvres porcelain, bronzes, fine art, 18<sup>th</sup> century antique furniture and chandeliers will be auctioned as well. **This fall event hosted by Kuehnert's Auction Gallery will benefit The Heritage Society at Sam Houston Park in downtown Houston, Texas.**

Roy Escobar, one of the nation's top piano technicians and a member of the Piano Technicians Guild, inspected the Steinway for Kuehnert's. "This is an exceptional instrument with extreme detail," said Escobar of Roy Escobar Piano Service & Repair in Houston. "As of today, this instrument is in excellent condition and plays and responds well.....it is a distinctive piano...." he added.

"We are delighted to bring this beautiful piano to auction this fall," said Patricia Kuehnert-Gillespy, owner and auctioneer. "On October 16<sup>th</sup> during our weekly Thursday night auction, we will sell this amazing instrument to someone who appreciates its beauty, history and functionality. We will also facilitate our national and international collectors with our live, on-line bidding at EBay/Live Auctioneers."

Kuehnert's is one of Texas' busiest auction houses. Since 1988, nearly 1,000 auctions have been held and a million items sold. The 20,000 square foot gallery showroom is located North of I-10 and Beltway 8, between Kempwood and Hammerly.

Every Thursday evening, Kuehnert's offers up for purchase beautiful European antiques and collectibles, as well as traditional home and garden furnishings, rugs and lighting from some of the finest homes and makers in Texas. For more information, go to [www.kuehnertsauktion.com](http://www.kuehnertsauktion.com) or call Patricia at 713-827-7835.