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## PLEASE ROUTE TO CHIEF OF SECURITY

### Protecting Musical Treasures

Just North of Traverse City, Michigan, among the cherry orchards and beautiful views of the Bay, you will find a stately 100-year old dairy farm that has been transformed into the Music House Museum. The turn-of-the-century buildings hold a collection of hundreds of rare antique musical instruments and music-making machines dating from 1870 through 1930.

Hour-long tours explain the history of automated music and demonstrate dozens of distinctive instruments. All have been authentically restored and are displayed in genuine period settings. Not only will you see and hear a huge Belgian dance organ, player pianos, music boxes and pipe organs, but you can visit the Acme General Store as it was in the early 1900s. The Hurry Back Saloon, once located at 116 East Front Street in downtown Traverse City, depicts an old meeting place and welcomes museum visitors with some snappy tunes on the piano nickelodeons.

Andy Struble introduces himself as the museum's curator. But really, he is so much more. Andy researches, restores, maintains, protects and plays each instrument and piece of memorabilia in the Music House. The museum opened to the public in 1983 and Andy has been working there since 1985. His interest in music, instruments and his job application certainly were not ordinary.

As a youngster, Andy visited his grandparent's house often. In the basement was an upright piano with a "torn roll of paper hanging out the front." It didn't work and didn't warrant a second look until Andy spotted the same piano playing "all by itself" on a rerun of "The Little Rascals." The 13-year-old was allowed to bring the piano home to fix it. Andy says he meticulously disassembled the piano, "laying each piece out on a workbench that framed the entire basement." He researched and restored each piece before reassembling it. Success in hearing the piano play was the beginning of an interesting hobby. Little did he know that it would lead to a fascinating career.

His first visit to the museum began with a family trip to Kalkaska to find his Grandpa's old hunting spot. "It didn't take very long to discover a school had been built on the property," says Andy; "so we drove west toward the Bay. It was by sheer accident that we discovered the museum." They stopped, signed the guest register and took the tour. Andy asked relevant questions and impressed the staff so much with his knowledge, that two days after returning home they called and offered him a job.

**EPS** has been protecting the Music House and its priceless treasures since 1985, as long as Andy has been the curator. He says, "The fire and intrusion systems give us the assurance we need to feel the instruments are protected." Andy adds that "the reliability and professionalism of **EPS** employees has been an important factor in our long term relationship."

The imagination, technical expertise, craftsmanship and artistry of the pioneers of recorded sound must be protected. To Andy and staff at the Music House Museum, we are proud to offer security and peace-of-mind. To plan your visit go to [www.musichouse.org](http://www.musichouse.org). For information on **EPS** visit [www.epssecurity.com](http://www.epssecurity.com).

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Questions regarding e\*link can be directed to our Central Station Systems Manager, Janet Schrier, at 616-459-1282 extension 132.



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**EPS** has always taken pride in offering the most progressive products and services that best fit your needs. We feel, with the development of the Integrated Systems Group, we can continue to meet those needs and introduce you, and the State of Michigan, to the latest in complex enterprise systems. The new division is ready to be of service to you. For information regarding the large integrated systems contact **EPS** at 616-459-0281 and ask for the Integrated Systems Group.