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As such, the hammers do not use gravity to fall back into position like they do in a grand piano. By late 1965, they had surely come a long way.

#### Basso continuo

It is more than 600 years old.

#### Harpsichord

This gives the piano a softer sound. The Last Words Though both the musical instruments look similar, they differ in the way they produce sound and the tuning of keys.

#### Classification of Musical Instruments

A typical harpsichord may have around 4 to 6 octaves, while a standard grand piano has around 88 keys with little more than 7 octaves. In a way, the harpsichord mechanism is similar to that of the guitar, where the string is plucked by the guitar's pick or the player's fingers. MIDI is a communication standard that allows digital music gear to speak the same language.

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