

The electronic keyboard that expanded the world’s music-making population with its unique sound source technology and affordable price

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Registration Date	September 15, 2020	Registration Category	Category 1

Name (Model, etc.)	Casiotone 201
Location	Setagaya-ku, Tokyo
	Toshio Kashio Memorial Museum of Invention
Owner (Custodian)	CASIO COMPUTER CO., LTD.
Manufacturer (Company)	CASIO COMPUTER CO., LTD.
Year Manufactured	1980
Year first appeared	1980
Reason For Selection	This small electronic keyboard used a revolutionary sound system called the “consonant-vowel system”, in which the sound waveform is synthesized by using two types of LSI to generate the rising part of the waveform (the consonant) and the decaying part of the waveform (the vowel) and then D/A converting the resulting pattern. At a time when musical instrument manufacturers were attempting to introduce a new genre of instrument, the electronic keyboard, Casio Computer Co., Ltd., a newcomer to the musical instrument field, suddenly took the spotlight by launching the first product. With a standard keyboard of 49 keys and built-in speakers, the instrument allowed eight simultaneous tones and offered 29 different instruments for the affordable price at the time of ¥97,000. This keyboard is significant for having expanded the world’s music-making population by letting people enjoy beautiful sound easily.
Registration Standard	2-A (Played a notable role in improving people’s way of life and creating new ways of living.)

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