



Instrument Donation Program

A CAA Cultural & Social Committee Program

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A Program for Musical Youth

A Gift for Music is a CAA cultural program providing musical instruments to gifted youth studying music at **Sistema Nacional de Educacion Musical (SINEM) seda San Ramón**. SINEM is a nationwide music education program that targets human development by giving all children and youth an equal opportunity for musical instrument training.

Your Donated Instrument Can Make a Difference

Remember that clarinet, flute, sax, or violin you gave your children, hoping they would be the next prodigy - or at least cultivate a love for music? Well, it's time to get it back and pass it on to the eager and musically gifted children of San Ramón who do not have the funds to buy or rent an instrument. The program is a US Federal tax-deductible donation. Tell your friends and family to search the attic for used instruments and ship them to you in San Ramón.

...and Even Open the Door to Carnegie Hall

San Ramón SINEM students with extraordinary musical talent have opportunities to appear worldwide under budding talent programs. Take 12-year old Maria Fernanda Chavez, for example, a talented young musician who recently played at Carnegie Hall. Your donation to CAA's *A Gift for Music* can help to open the door for SINEM students like Maria to compete, perform recitals, and play with acclaimed orchestras globally.



"A huge thank you to the US Embassy of Costa Rica for donating a new Schiller double French horn to SINEM San Ramon."

- John Buford, CAA



**A Gift for Music
Donation from the US Embassy**

From right to left, John Buford, CAA , presents the French horn to Manuel Alberto Alpizar Rojas, SINEM-San Ramon Director, Ana Virginia Valenciano Chaves, SINEM Foundation President, and Marlene Muriel, SINEM Foundation.



Donate Today!

Follow the process on the back to make a difference in a child's life.

Contact johndahl@actionalliancecr.com



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It's Easy to Donate an Instrument

You may have a musical instrument to donate - or your friends, family, hometown school, or acquaintances from business and church may be good sources of used instruments. If the instruments cannot be personally brought to San Ramon, CAA has an easy shipping procedure.

Process for US Federal Tax Charitable Donation

1. Estimate the value for the instrument in its current condition. The value provided will become the valuation basis for any federal tax charitable contribution taken by the donor for the donated instrument. eBay and Craigslist are good comparison resources. Or, the donor may wish to obtain an appraisal for more expensive instruments to support the donation claim in the event the IRS requests it.
2. Within the US, send the instrument, along with a letter/certificate stating the value, serial number, donor's name, address, phone number, and email address to:

CAA Instrument Donation Program
c/o Laura Carranza Matamoros
5418 NW 79th Avenue
Courier WF 50123
Doral, Florida 33166-4122
Phone: 786-331-8418

4. Send an email notification of the shipping date, along with the same information (along with a letter/certificate stating the value, serial number, donor's name, address, phone number, and email address) to: **John Buford, jcbuford@aol.com.**
5. Upon confirmation of receipt of the instrument(s), the donor will receive two thank you letters:
 - A thank you from CAA President for your contribution.
 - A thank you letter and acknowledgement receipt from the "Friends of San Ramon" (FOSR), the organization with whom CAA works that holds the 501(c)3 status in the US (EIN 45-3791984). The letter and receipt become the donor's proof of a charitable donation.

Shipping to Costa Rica

Periodically instruments will be shipped directly to Costa Rica, either through bulk shipping or via individuals bringing them as they travel to Costa Rica. There are several options:

1. CAA is aware of bulk shipping opportunities to assist in getting instruments directly to Costa Rica.
2. CAA is also aware of individuals who are willing to bring instruments to Costa Rica while traveling.
3. Ship to the CAA US address:
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Upon receipt in Costa Rica, the instruments will be provided to SINEM, the organization which will carry out the distribution to the students.

