



Musical Instrument Donation Program - 2017 Annual Report Summary Overview

In 2014, community member Aimee Allaud saw the opportunity for musical instruments lying unused in attics and closets to be put into the hands of Albany's students. She donated the first instrument, a clarinet previously used by her son, an Albany High graduate, and the funds to restore donated instruments in need of repair. The Albany Fund for Education welcomed the chance to start the program. We reached out to John Keal Music and received a significant discount on all repairs. We found a willing partner to advertise the program in the [Albany Musicians' Association](#) and regularly receive instruments from Albany Vanguard, the non-profit arm of the Albany Symphony Orchestra. Aimee Allaud continues to donate funds annually to support needed instrument repair. In addition, the Albany Fund for Education, the Friends of Music, and Stewarts Holiday fund have provided financial assistance when needed.

In 2014 twenty instruments were donated and in 2015 a total of fifty-four instruments were received, twenty-seven from individuals and twenty-seven from LaSalle's new band leader who wanted to clear out a storage area of unused instruments -not all in good condition. In 2016 thirty-eight instruments were donated, and in 2017 another forty-one instruments and two amplifiers have been donated. In total, between 2014 and 2017, Albany Fund for Education has received and processed one hundred fifty-three instruments. While several have been in poor condition and have not warranted the cost of repairs, the vast majority has been in good condition and is now in the hands of students. We have received several extraordinarily high-quality instruments including three magnificent trumpets, a clarinet appraised at \$3000 and a beautiful violin.

. We are fortunate that the top two websites that appear with every Internet search for "Albany, New York, Musical Instrument Donation" identify this program. Of particular note this year were the 4 violins donated by an elementary music teacher from her personal collection and the discarded guitar lovingly restored by a local musician who plans to donate several instruments from his recently deceased father's collection.

Clearly this is another successful year Thanks go to all our supporters: Aimee Allaud is the program originator and has provided the majority of funding since the program's inception in 2014. The Stewart's Holiday Fund provided a \$500 grant in 2014. The Friends of Music provided \$663 in 2016 to cover repairs. The Albany Symphony's Vanguard provides used instruments on a regular basis. The [Albany Musicians' Association](#) lists us on their website. John Keal Music provides a 40% discount on all repairs.

"While we anticipated a flurry of donations initially, the stream of donated instruments continues unabated. Donated instruments are now in the hands of students in each and every one of our schools, and we will continue to fill gaps in inventories with these instruments."
Edwin Newell, To Members of the Board of Education, July 25, 2016

Calendar Year 2017 Fiscal Summary:

Opening Balance: \$1,670 This reflects \$79 carryover from 2016, \$1500 contribution from Aimee Allaud at the end of 2016, and \$100 donation as part of AFE's annual appeal.

Expenditures on repairs: \$949.20

End of year Balance: \$720.80

Instruments Received in 2017

Instruments	Donor
Flute	Mr. Brian Gripko
6-line amplifier	John Belcastro
Violin - Strobel model MA80C.	Steven Relles
Flute	Amy Nedeau
15-watt solid state guitar amplifier (Laney HCM15R)	Tom Rees
Guitar	Elliott Horvath
Trumpet	Michael Parker, D.D.S., M.S.
Trombone	"
Wooden recorder/flute	"
Trumpet	Lauren Ann Darman
Cello	Colleen Piccolino
drum set	Dolores Chagnon
Clarinet	Andrea Valenti
4-string electric violin	Anna Huthmaker
5-string electric violin	"
Yamaha Alto Sax	Dave Mead
Selmer Clarinet	"
Drum Set	Betsey Schulue
4 violins	Minitria Slade
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Trumpet, instructional books and music	Carolyn Broadway
Trumpet	Jim Cillis
Violin	Patricia Carl
Keyboard, Yamaha Portatone PSR-270, with foot pedal and instruction manual	Alex Silverstein
3/4 violin	Melissa Ramirez
Clarinet	Chris Kleinbene
Clarinet and trumpet music	Edwina Belding
Keyboard	Madilda Howowitz

Clarinet, reeds, music	Morgen Smith
Clarinet	Stacey Magliaro
Viola, Keyboard and keyboard stand	Priti Ireni
Trumpet- Old Ambassador	Michael Stahl
Piccolo- Gemeinhardt	Rachel Arnott& Philip Lamoureux
Violin	Ginnie Farrell
2 violins- 3/4 and 1/2	' "
Alto Saxophone	Dennis LaBelle
Violin, bows, case	Laurie L Lieman
Double French Horn	Michael Osborne

*Doesn't warrant repairing

Total Received: 41