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To Everyone Who Loves Music:

With all the bad things that are happening in New Orleans, we are worried about its beloved musicians.

They are the voices of a unique city, where the music has always been live and real. Some of these musicians play blues, some play jazz. Some play zydeco, hip-hop or other kinds of music. Some are old, and most were poor, even before the storm came.

Many of them have lost everything, including their instruments and sound equipment, their means of livelihood, and our source of joy.

When New Orleans comes back again, we want to make sure still it has its wonderful, irreplaceable sound.

If you would like to help the music people of New Orleans, please send a donation to one or more of the organizations listed below. All of them have track records, and all are committed to helping music people affected by the storm. Even if you have already given to hurricane relief, we hope you will reach out again to help New Orleans music people.

Thanks so much,

Stanton Davis, Thalassa Ali and Sue Auclair

AID FOR NEW ORLEANS MUSICIANS

This is the work of three people: Stanton Davis, a jazz trumpeter and educator from New York (originally from New Orleans), Thalassa Ali, a writer from Boston, Massachusetts and Sue Auclair, Entertainment Marketing & Promotions consultant, based in Boston. Moved by the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina, we have located several well-known US non-profit organizations serving the music community. Each of them has created a special program for music people affected by the hurricane. Here they are, in alphabetical order:

American Federation of Musicians:

[<http://www.afm.org/public/home/index.php>](http://www.afm.org/public/home/index.php)

The AFM is the largest organization in the world representing the interests of professional musicians. AFM has created the Gulf Coast Relief Fund to help members who have been impacted by Katrina.

All checks and money orders should be sent to:
AFM Gulf Coast Relief Fund
1501 Broadway, Suite 600
New York, NY 10036

Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Gulf Coast Relief Fund. We anticipate activation of an online payment system in a few days.

Marsalismusic.com [<http://www.marsalismusic.com/content.cfm?selection=doc.66>](http://www.marsalismusic.com/content.cfm?selection=doc.66)

Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts

New Orleans Native, world-renowned jazz musician and three-time Grammy winner Branford Marsalis serves as the Honorary Chair for Habitat for Humanity's New Orleans Relief effort and has also established the Hurricane Katrina Musicians Relief Fund.

If you are interested in supporting Katrina victims through Marsalis's efforts, please send your tax-deductible gifts by check made payable to either:

Habitat for Humanity or Katrina Musician's Relief Fund - MEI

mail to:

Marsalis Music
Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts
323 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02139

The Katrina Musician's Relief Fund, which began to provide support to musicians and their families within days of the catastrophe, will continue to apply all contributions to the following specific efforts:

- Relocating musicians and their families who have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina
- Providing funds for food, clothing, medical assistance, etc. for these musicians and their families
- Rebuilding homes for displaced musicians and their families in the affected areas through our partnership with Habitat for Humanity
- Providing work and touring opportunities for displaced musicians, including the coordination of fundraising performances to provide further relief
- Partnering with other organizations in an effort to support and maximize ongoing relief efforts.

The Katrina Musician's Relief Fund is being administered through Music Education Initiatives, Inc. (MEI), a 501 (c) (3) corporation that has previously sponsored the Marsalis Jams program in colleges, universities and high schools throughout the country. In the near future, MEI will be announcing plans to feature working bands from the affected areas in this year's Marsalis Jams events.

MusiCares (the non-profit arm of The Recording Academy)

<http://www.grammy.com/musicares/>

Established in 1989 by The Recording Academy, MusiCares has been helping music people across the country cope with personal, medical and financial hardships. MusiCares provides totally confidential crisis intervention, health care referrals and financial assistance. MusiCares' confidential and caring approach allows those in need to seek help with dignity and confidence.

The MusiCares Hurricane Relief Fund has been set up so music people impacted by Hurricane Katrina can get help. Assistance includes basic living expenses such as shelter, food, utilities, transportation; medical expenses including doctor, dentist and hospital bills, medications; clothing; instrument and recording equipment replacement; relocation costs; school supplies for students; insurance payments and more.

New Orleans Musicians Clinic (NOMC)

<http://wwoz.org/clinic/> and <http://jazz.about.com/od/grantsfoundations/a/nolahelp.htm>

The New Orleans Musicians' Clinic (NOMC) is an innovative not-for-profit occupational medicine and wellness partnership offering comprehensive health care to the musicians of New Orleans. Dedicated on May 2, 1998, NOMC became the first initiative in the United States to address the health care needs of musicians and their families, an under-served segment of the population. To date they have treated more than 800 local musicians.

The Clinic is determined to keep Louisiana music alive! We want to relocate our New Orleans musicians into the Lafayette/ Acadiana community, where they can rebuild their lives. They are tracking down local musicians and finding them shelter.

NOMC-in-exile will be open for business at its sister clinic: Southwest Louisiana Health Education Center, Lafayette, LA.

Make checks out to:

NOMC Emergency Fund

And send to:

SW LA Area Health Education Center Foundation, Inc.
103 Independence Blvd.
Lafayette, LA 70506

Contact: Kathy Richard: musiciank@swlahec.com

Desk: 337-989-0001; Fax: 337-989-1401

Preservation Hall New Orleans Musicians Hurricane Relief Fund

<http://www.preservationhall.com/2.0/>

Preservation Hall is located in the French Quarter, just three blocks from the Mississippi River. It was created as a sanctuary to protect and honor New Orleans jazz. After over 40 years, the hall is still going strong.

Preservation Hall has initiated a relief fund to provide musicians with financial support during the tragic aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. 100% of the money raised through this fund will go directly to New Orleans musicians, many of whom are veterans in their 70's and 80's.

Preservation Hall thanks you for your generous and continued support.

Send a check to:
New Orleans Musicians Hurricane Relief Fund
PO Box 9081
Miramar Beach, FL 32550

<http://www.preservationhall.com/2.0/donate.php>

Donation by credit card will be available soon. If you would like to speak to someone directly about the fund or make a donation over the phone, please call: 1-800-957-4026 or 1-800-957-4029

The Jazz Foundation of America <http://jazzfoundation.org/>

By soliciting donations and sponsorships, the **JFA** promotes cultural and educational activities that build awareness of the music and of the musicians that make it. In an effort to support these musicians, the **JFA** operates the **Jazz Musicians' Emergency Fund** (JMEF).

This fund assists struggling jazz artists, many of whom are getting older or sick, with medical, financial, and career development needs. They are masters in their fields, but without help, many would be homeless or unable to work. And that is a tragedy indeed. After all, they are the magicians who make the magic we call jazz.

From Wendy Oxenhorn, Executive Director at the Jazz Foundation of America:

The Jazz Foundation will be addressing the longer term needs of those jazz and blues artists who will have just lost everything--raising funds and distributing money for musicians to get new apartments or rooms for rent: by giving a first month's rent, possibly more, for them to start over. (This is what we normally do on a daily basis for musicians across the country who become sick and can't pay their rent, we also keep food on the table and get employment to hundreds of elderly musicians through our Jazz in the Schools program. Our operations normally assist 35 musicians a week.)

We will also be attempting to help New Orleans musicians by replacing the thing that matters most and the only way they can ever work again: their instruments. To those who lost their instruments, like drummers and bassists who could not carry their heavy equipment, and guitarist with their amps, we will be making an effort to work with manufacturers and music stores to replace those instruments for as many as we possibly can.

Send donations to:

Jazz Foundation of America
322 West 48th Street 6th floor
NY, NY 10036
Director: Wendy Oxenhorn

Phone: 212-245-3999 Ext. 21

email contact: joyce@jazzfoundation.org

Wendy and The Jazz Foundation are also directing donors to the New Orleans Musicians Clinic (NOMC, see above)

Tipitina's Foundation

<http://www.tipitinas.com/default.asp>

Tipitina's Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, committed to supporting the artistic community of New Orleans. Committed to the cultural reconstruction of New Orleans. the Foundation is actively seeking donations to provide housing, equipment needs, and possible financial assistance to any and all New Orleans and South Louisiana musicians and their families.

Send checks to:

Tipitina's Foundation
1251 North Ardenwood Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Or donate online at: <http://www.tipsevents.com/foundation/advance/relief/>

For those who are interested in music education, here's another site:

Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation

<http://www.mhopus.org/>

Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation supports music education and its many benefits by donating new and refurbished musical instruments to underserved school and community music programs and individual students nationwide.

Emergency Fund for Schools Affected by Hurricane Katrina

You can help restore music programs in schools affected by this tragedy. In an effort to help put instruments back into the hands of children from the affected areas and surrounding states that will be absorbing the displaced students, The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation is joining forces with NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants). If you would like to make a donation, NAMM will help make your contribution go further, matching it dollar for dollar. To donate:

<https://secure.pyramid.net/mhopus/donates.asp>

The website for NAMM is: <http://www.namm.com/>