

## Timetable:

This year's drive will begin accepting instruments on the Saturday before Mardi Gras (February 2, 2008) and end the Saturday before Easter (March 22, 2008).

## Volunteers:

Volunteers are welcome to assist with instrument clean up and home collections. Contact the store to find out more if you'd like to volunteer some of your time.



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Hours: M-Th 10-9; F-10-6 Sat-9-5  
see the store's website or  
[www.playonmusic.org](http://www.playonmusic.org) for directions  
and additional information

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## About the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation:

THE MR. HOLLAND'S OPUS FOUNDATION (MHOF) supports music education and its many benefits through the donation and repair of musical instruments to under-served schools, community music programs and individual students nationwide. MHOF was inspired by the acclaimed motion picture *Mr. Holland's Opus*, the story of the profound effect a dedicated music teacher had on generations of students. The film's composer, Michael Kamen, founded MHOF in 1996 as his commitment to the future of music education.

### HOW THE FOUNDATION WORKS

Through a process of application and review, programs are selected based on specific criteria. MHOF first makes repairs to damaged instruments, distributes refurbished instruments and then purchases new instruments.

#### Contact MHOF at:

15125 Ventura Blvd. Suite 204,  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403  
phone: 818.784.6787  
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# The 2008 Play On Instrument Drive

February 2, 2008-  
March 22, 2008

Your used instrument can  
help a child experience  
the joy of making music!



Sponsored by Skyline Music  
for the benefit of the  
Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation

## About Play On:

Play On is a grass-roots campaign to bring musical instruments into disadvantaged schools and communities throughout America. Closely aligned with **The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation (MHOFF)**—see sidebar—Play On operates in the Cleveland, Ohio area through **Skyline Music**.

When band, orchestra, or other instruments are donated to Play On, Skyline Music cleans and



**MHOFF kids: Palos West Elementary School in Palos Park, IL**

refurbishes them, issues an appraisal to the donor, and passes the instruments through **The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation** to one of the schools or communities registered with MHOFF. The process is very lean: all labor, parts, collateral material and administration are donated by Skyline Music, Play On volunteers, or one of our support companies within the music industry and the local community. If you donate an instrument, it goes directly to a school and a deserving player (or in the case of vintage instruments or unrestorable horns, it is either turned into parts for other horns or funds that go back to MHOFF for shipping and additional new instruments that are needed by have not been donated).

Since 2005, the **Play On Instrument Drive** collected over 130 instruments worth over \$27,000 for students in Katrina-affected schools and throughout America. This year's Drive will continue to assist MHOFF in their efforts to bring instruments to students in qualified schools and districts throughout the country. There is need in every state in America!

## What to donate:

See the Play On website ([www.playonmusic.org](http://www.playonmusic.org)) for a more complete list and special needs, but in general, band and orchestra instruments in new, good, or economically restorable condition are preferred. There is also limited need for drums, guitars, or other instruments. At this time, pianos and sheet music are impractical to accept.

## How to donate:

Please bring instruments to Skyline Music any time during store hours. Skyline Music will issue a receipt for the instrument and we will contact you with an assessment and valuation as soon as it is inspected. At that time, we will contact you to confirm the donation. (Since there is a possibility you may unknowingly turn in an instrument more valuable than the donation you expect to make, we want you to make an informed choice.) We pass your information to the **Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation**, who will issue a receipt for the appraised value. In case of a vintage instrument that is sold via ebay or other outlet, the appraised value will be the market selling price. You must furnish us with your contact information to receive a valuation for tax purposes. However, you may donate anonymously if you wish.

## Where to donate:

**Skyline Music, 27010 Center Ridge Rd, in Westlake** is the primary drop off point for instruments. (See contact sidebar for store hours.) If it is inconvenient to come to the store with your donation, contact Skyline Music and a volunteer or staff member will pick up the instrument at your convenience.



**MHOFF kids: PS 105K, The Blythebourne School in Brooklyn, NY**

## Connecting with the kids:

We know where the instruments go. We know which school gets them. We hear from their band director. We get pictures of band kids with their instruments. When you donate an instrument to the **Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation** through Play On, you are directly helping a child, either with the instrument they will play, or (in the case of older vintage or non-refurbishable horns) the funds or parts we need to get the instruments into their hands.

## Cash Donations:

The **Play On Instrument Drive's** focus is bringing inactive instruments to students that would be unable to play without them. For this reason, we are not asking for cash donations. If you wish to contribute to the Drive and do not have an instrument to donate, we ask that you give any cash donations to **The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation**, which uses the funds to procure instruments unlikely to be donated (such as tubas). We will gratefully accept these donations on their behalf and forward them if you wish, but all checks should be made to the Foundation, and credit card payments should be initiated through the MHOFF website ([www.mhopus.org](http://www.mhopus.org)). Just tell them we sent you.