

# Ubuntoots FAQs

## A Drive to Collect Donated Musical Instruments

### **1. What is Ubuntoots?**

Ubuntoots is a drive to collect unused musical instrument donations and get the instruments into the hands of underserved children. It helps you clean out those closets, attics and basements. Your donation can help children learn a new skill, express themselves creatively and gain tools for success.

### **2. What is Ubuntu Music Academy?**

Ubuntu Music Academy is an after-school music program for children of all backgrounds. In this program, children will learn to play a musical instrument, explore the African musical diaspora and perform with college and community musicians. Ubuntu Music Academy will prepare children and youth for a lifetime of music making, positive identity and creative empowerment.

### **3. What instruments are you collecting?**

We are collecting band and orchestra instruments, e.g. clarinets, flutes, trumpets, violins. Plus, we're collecting instruments of the African Diaspora, e.g. West African drums, mbiras, steel pans, banjos, koras. We would also like electronic keyboards. If you have a piano to donate, we'll do our best to connect you with a family who cannot afford to purchase a piano. Typically, piano moving can be a barrier to families benefitting from such donations. We are looking for piano moving companies to sponsor one or two piano moves. Can you help?

### **4. How will the instruments be used?**

The instruments will be cleaned and repaired by Dr. Bass String Instruments. Working and repaired instruments will be assigned to children. Instruments that cannot be repaired will become part of our "Instrument Petting Zoo" and will be used to adorn the walls of the music classes.

### **5. Who will receive the instruments?**

The instruments will be assigned on loan to underserved children. BUMP partners with institutions like the Durham Housing Authority to identify underserved children who will benefit from having a musical instrument.

### **6. Will BUMP give away the instruments or lend them out?**

The instruments will initially be assigned on loan. BUMP will later award the instruments to children who meet attendance, performance and achievement goals.

### **7. Are instrument donations tax deductible?**

Yes! You will receive a receipt for your donation indicating that the IRS recognizes BUMP as non-profit organization per IRS Code 501c3, along with our tax identification number.

### **8. What if I don't have an instrument? How else can I help?**

Dr. Bass String Instruments will donate the labor to clean and repair the instruments. We are raising \$2,500 to pay for parts needed for repairs. Please consider making a dollar donation of \$50 to UbuntuTots. Your donation in any amount will help and so will spreading the word!

**9. What if my instrument is not in working condition? Or damaged?**

The instruments will be cleaned and repaired by Dr. Bass String Instruments. Working and repaired instruments will be assigned to children. Instruments that cannot be repaired will become part of our "Instrument Petting Zoo" and will be used to adorn the walls of the music classes.

**10. Where do I drop off my instrument?**

Three local businesses and BUMP are serving as collection sites:

Ngozi Design Collective, 321 W. Main St, Durham NC 27701

Dr. Bass String Instruments, 1200 Broad St (Basement), Durham NC 27705

Playhouse Toy Store, 702 9th St, Durham NC 27705

BUMP: The Triangle, 504 W Chapel Hill St (Green Awning in rear), Durham NC 27701

Up to date collection location addresses, phone numbers and collection hours are listed at our website: <http://bumpthetriangle.org>

**11. What is the deadline to drop off my instrument?**

The last day to drop off an instrument is Sunday, Dec 31, 2017. The earlier you drop off your instrument the better. Ubuntu is currently scheduled to kick off in January 2018.

**12. My question isn't answered here. How can I get more information?**

For more information, visit our website: <http://bumpthetriangle.org>, send an email to [info@bumpthetriangle.org](mailto:info@bumpthetriangle.org) or call us at 919-667-0386.