

Musical Instruments for Cuba

An Evening with

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of the Kairos Centre in Matanzas, Cuba

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Music is a very important part of Cuban culture. From the familiar traditional Cuban folk and popular songs through Jazz to the Classical repertoire, which can be heard in such choirs as the Coro de Matanzas, a chamber choir that could rank among the world's best, the Cubans are a musical people. However the years of isolation have made it very difficult to obtain musical instruments. Resources are scarce. For instance, the faculty of music in Matanzas has no concert hall for its students. The Kairos Centre at the Primera Iglesia Bautista in Matanzas now offers the

church space for concerts as a result of a generous donation to purchase a piano so that performances could be staged in the church sanctuary. With the help of Friends of Cuba a suitable instrument was located and purchased in Toronto and shipped to Cuba. The idea is to finance a third container in early 2018 to ship any other musical instruments that can be collected from donors in Canada.

Donations of used musical instruments or money gladly accepted.

7:30pm, Sunday, June 4

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