

# Here's a home for a spare clarinet

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Music soothes the soul and, in difficult times, can play a huge part in emotional healing.

## OUTDOOR CONCERT FOR CHRISTIE SCHOOL'S INSTRUMENT DRIVE

**Portland Music Co.,**  
531 S.E.  
Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Who: The Patrick Lamb Band  
When: 1-4 p.m. Saturday

performance at Portland Music Co. in Northeast Portland to highlight a donation drive for instruments for the school.

Instruments can be brought to the concert or dropped off at Portland Music through August.

The school's music therapist, Heidi Scott, says the instrument most in demand by her students is the clarinet. But the school is also seeking all kinds of woodwind, brass and percussion instruments.

The power of music to mend wounds is something that the students at the Christie School, a residential school for abused children, would understand well.

But at the moment, the students' ability to play and perform music is limited by a lack of instruments. So, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, the Patrick Lamb Band will give a free jazz



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**The Patrick Lamb Band will play jazz at Portland Music Co. on Saturday to bring attention to a donation drive that will provide musical instruments for the Christie School.**

About half of the school's 80 students, who are between ages 7 and 18, take part in the school's choir, drumming group or other musical therapy courses, Scott says.

A nationally certified music therapist, Scott uses tunes to help her students — most of their histories include physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect — express

their feelings and increase their self-esteem.

"Almost all of them have very negative self-concepts, and performing for supportive audiences and representing Christie School in the community is a very positive experience for them," she says.

The Christie School, which occupies 12 acres near Marylhurst

University, is Oregon's largest and oldest residential center for abused and neglected children.

Call 503-675-2220 for more information on the instrument donation program.

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## Public schools need your instruments

Another instrument collection project, this one on behalf of students in Portland Public Schools will take place Saturday at both Music Millennium locations, 3158 E. Burnside St. and 801 N.W. 23rd Ave.

To promote the instrument collection campaign, which will run through Sept. 23, both stores will offer free food, live bands and prizes between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

And Ethos Inc., a local organization created in 1998 in response to cuts in music programs at Portland's public schools, is always collecting donated instruments, says Michelle Boss, its director of programs.

Instruments can be delivered to the Ethos office at 27 N.E. Killingsworth St., or call 503-241-8824 for pick-up. Pianos and organs need to be checked out for musical health before they're accepted, but all other instruments are welcome as is, Boss says.