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Local Instrument Drive

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (February 1, 2014) – For the first time ever, local classical radio station WSMC Classical 90.5 FM is facilitating an instrument drive for area schools. In conjunction with NPR's From the Top that came to Chattanooga's Tivoli Theater on January 23, the instrument drive will help expose children to classical music by fostering existing music programs at public schools.

A grant given by the McKenzie Foundation will pay for the cost of all the donated instrument repairs. Local residents and Memorial Hospital have already donated a few instruments, which include a violin, and a couple banjos.

Collection sites for instruments are WSMC and the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera office, with more regional sites to be determined this month. It is also possible to arrange pick up for instruments.

Schools that are involved and receiving instruments collected from the drive are East Lake Elementary and Middle schools, Orchard Knob Middle School, Calvin Donaldson Elementary and Howard High School. Schools wishing to be recipients can fill out applications online at www.wsmc.org.

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