



"World events have conspired to make the benevolent Jazz mission of Rick DellaRatta more pertinent with each days newspapers headlines."

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Dear Mr. Dennison,

We are delighted to re-submit to you what we strongly believe to be an outstanding proposal to help our local, the school music programs and children of the surrounding area.

In researching the By Laws and finding that promoting Local 802 was clearly stated, we submit the following proposal.

1. We ask for a total of \$9,500 for the purpose of repairing donated instruments (or the purchase and repairing of used instruments if cheaper), and transporting them to schools in need in the NYC and surrounding area.
2. Whenever possible the instruments would be donated in conjunction with a performance using local 802 musicians and paying union wages and benefits. This will not only create new work opportunities for members of this local but in addition the educational concerts/instrument donation events will promote a positive public image and awareness of Local 802 with up and coming student musicians, thereby increasing the pool of potential future members and contributing to Local 802's standing, visibility, and position in the community.

These donations and educational performances will clearly promote Local 802, its musicians and the importance of live music in addition to benefiting the children and music programs in conjunction with these salient section/paragraphs of the by-laws below:

Section 7. Special Projects and Services Fund

(a) There shall be a Special Projects and Services Fund of this Local separate and apart from the General Fund.

(d) The Special Projects and Services Fund shall have among other purposes the following objectives:

1. To create new work opportunities for all members of this Local.
2. To promote the more effective operation and management of this Local...."

In addition Section 7 letter (d) also states **AMONG OTHER PURPOSES** the following objectives...". "Other purposes" in this case shall also include whatever connections we can make between Jazz For Peace's 'music in the school's programme' and Local 802's mission as a union and 802's ongoing efforts to promote itself in the music business and the community - which we feel will create additional positive results for the Local.

Since our original submission we have performed over 300 Benefit Concerts and have received letters from Senator John McCain and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg among others as well as a feature in our own International Musician Magazine. In addition to these documents (see attached) below is a link for information on our recent instrument donation to the Aids Service Center as well as a recent "Music in the Schools" performance on video.

A letter of recommendation of this proposal from you along with Senator McCain and Mayor Bloomberg's letters would certainly be of help to our proposal as well as an honor for us.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Rick DellaRatta – Member: Local 802 – Founder: Jazz for Peace

Jazz for Peace Music in the Schools -

This is a Jazz for Peace sample education series concert.

Jazz for Peace is determined to bring Americas Greatest art form back into the Schools exposing students to Jazz in some cases for the very first time.



INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, PARENT COMMITTEES, AND ARTS-IN-EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS

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EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCES/WORKSHOPS

In addition to his talent as a performer, Rick is also an experienced educator. Jazz for Peace provides educational performances for all levels of academia, elementary through graduate levels. One of the goals of Jazz for Peace is to expose students to the wonderful art form of jazz. Rick enjoys performing in the schools very much. The theme of a recent master-class with jazz greats Rufus Reid and Billy Hart was "The Evolving Role of the Rhythm Section Throughout Jazz History." Another recent elementary school performance was "The History of Jazz Styles." These are just a few examples. Rick is an innovative and acclaimed jazz artist who will provide an enlightening event that will surely be a thrill for all attendees.

What is Jazz for Peace?

Jazz for Peace is a professional jazz group led by internationally renowned pianist/vocalist Rick DellaRatta. Their concert at the United Nations in New York on September 25, 2002 (featuring Israeli, Middle Eastern, European, Asian and American jazz musicians performing for an international audience) is now considered one of the most significant cultural events of our time. All performances feature Rick, accompanied by top jazz musicians in the industry. Jazz for Peace is a non-profit organization with several immediate goals including: to continue our benefit concert series which this past year raised money and awareness for over 50 Organizations which we have listed on our website as well as created the foundation for further collaboration, expand Jazz For Peace™ Concerts to other Cities, States, and Countries, help to bring music back into the schools and Jazz into schools (many for the first time) so that children of today will gain the exposure, understanding and acknowledgment of America's greatest art form that previous generations did not have, and to donate musical instruments to underprivileged children World-Wide.

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Rick DellaRatta - Founder Jazz for Peace

International Musician feature article "Changing the World through Jazz"

The soothing sounds of jazz are on their way to helping bring peace to the world, according to Rick DellaRatta of Locals 802 (New York City) and 85-133 (Schenectady/Amsterdam, NY), who found a way to turn his passion for music into a vehicle for both change and peace. The jazz composer, pianist, and vocalist is at the forefront of Jazz For Peace, an organization that performs to raise money for charities, instrument donations to schools, and music awareness. DellaRatta has spearheaded the project since he founded it in 2001.

"Jazz is a universal language that cuts through boundaries of language, race, creed, gender, and religion," DellaRatta says. "Jazz for Peace seemed like an appropriate vehicle to bring people together through jazz music."

DellaRatta led the band's first successful Jazz for Peace concert inside the United Nations headquarters in New York City, where the band played in front of an international audience comprising Israeli, Middle Eastern, European, Asian, and American jazz aficionados and spectators. The UN performance was made more significant, DellaRatta says, due to its timing right after the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York. He says the band played with the following mission, which eventually became the slogan of the organization: "When we fill our souls up with creativity, artistry, and intelligence, we have a better chance at avoiding the behavior that leads to destruction."

The first performance sparked more than 150 future benefit performances which began every Saturday in New York's Upper West Side at "Jazz on the Park" and other venues in the city. Jazz for Peace soon grew to include concerts in other cities like Boston, Philadelphia, Houston, Chicago, and Dallas, and subsequently launched an international expansion series incorporating cities like Mexico City and Cancun, Mexico. When on the road, DellaRatta features local artists with the Jazz for Peace band, augmenting the group with local flavor. "Jazz has a history of having a positive effect on people," he says. "Musicians may think this is obvious, but they don't often realize how profound it may be to the rest of the world."

In April 2004, DellaRatta released his sixth album, called *Jazz for Peace*. Dedicated to the organization, it features a compilation of the group's performances. DellaRatta intends to donate half of the proceeds to the purchase of instruments for underprivileged children. Incorporating music in children's lives is another of his goals, and he is currently working on a project with Local 802 to gather donations of unused instruments, repair them, and then transport the instruments to disadvantaged children through their schools. "Music is a proven stimulator of intellect, and we want kids to reach their full potential," he comments. "They need to be supported through programs like these."

His most recent donation request had two particularly unusual aspects: an accordion, which needed to be shipped to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. DellaRatta was on the subway speaking about his accordion search troubles to a friend, when a man from The Songbook Project (a nonprofit organization that supports arts for children through theater and musical performances) overheard his conversation and offered a well-used accordion to Jazz for Peace. Though the accordion is in need of repairs, he was thrilled, and immediately informed the school in Rio that the instrument would be on its way.

DellaRatta was recently honored in the book *Jazz Singers* by author Scott Yanow as one of the 500 greatest jazz vocalists of all time. Deemed a leader in the jazz world as both innovator and visionary by many in the industry, DellaRatta continues to perform concerts with Jazz for Peace. His shows include performances for worldwide organizations like School Supplies for Afghanistan, and he has been recognized by notables including Senator John McCain (R-AZ) and political writer Noam Chomsky for his contributions to the jazz world.

The continuation of Jazz for Peace is vital to DellaRatta, whose goals for the program include expanding the concert series—and the understanding of the significance of jazz—while working toward a world full of music, life, and peace. "We want to continue to broaden the audience for this art form, while at the same time supporting the wonderful causes that keep us going," he explains. "Jazz for Peace hopes to spread the message that embracing humanity is not such a bad idea for change."

—for more info, visit www.jazzforpeace.org

Instrument Donation Program

Our instrument donation program allows us to find broken down or hardly used instruments, fix them up and donate them to underprivileged children/or an organization in need. Please find a photo and video below.

PIANO DONATION VIDEO



<http://www.jazzforpeace.org/PhotoStory3.wmv>



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

August 17, 2006

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to all those attending the Jazz For Peace Concert benefiting the Margaret Tietz Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

On behalf of the residents of New York City, I commend Rick DellaRatta and Jazz For Peace for organizing this wonderful event. Since its inception in 2002, the Jazz For Peace concert series has raised funds for more than 250 non-profit organizations. This concert will provide crucial support for the Margaret Tietz Nursing and Rehabilitation Center as it continues to provide vital services to Holocaust survivors and other New Yorkers.

I applaud all those gathered here for your generous support of this vital health care organization. It is always a pleasure to unite with people and organizations that share my commitment to improving the quality of life for all. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and successful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor



JOHN MCCAIN
UNITED STATES SENATOR
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 30, 2004

Rick DellaRatta
Founder
Jazz for Peace
400 West 43rd Street
Manhattan, NY 10036

Dear Rick:

Enclosed please find our donation to Jazz for Peace, which we hope will make a small difference.

Cindy and I would like to commend the staff and volunteers for all of their hard work and devotion on behalf of such an outstanding cause.

Again, thank you for all of your efforts, and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John McCain
United States Senator

+Enclosure

Testimonials – Page 1

Rec'd: September 22, 2006

Dear Ms. Cerritelli:

This is to acknowledge with many thanks the warm hospitality accorded me during my last visit/meeting with you and the founder of Jazz for Peace, the most respected and "honorable Man of God" Mr. Rick DellaRatta. A person who cares for the suffering for others is a man of God and Mr. DellaRatta deserves that honor. It is very rare to find such a humble person like Mr. DellaRatta who dedicates his life to promoting peace and understanding and most importantly to raise awareness and support for the poor/suffering masses, especially in the third world countries, through his Jazz for Peace Charity Concerts. It is my prayer that God in his infinite Mercy will continue to grant Mr. DellaRatta the strength and wisdom to continue with his crusade and good work.

Yours Truly,

Emmanuel M.I. Omokha, Sr.

The American Pan-American Relief Agencies, Inc. - New York, NY

www.apara.org

Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2006 9:17 AM

Subject: Thank you

Deb:

Please extend our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to the rest of Jazz for Peace and Rick for putting on a wonderful concert for SAFE on September 14. It was very special, and everyone had a great time.

The reporter from America Oggi arrived.....She would like to speak to Rick.

.....hope we stay in touch, and have a great rest of the season.

Cindy, on behalf of SAFE.

Received: 9/15/06

Hi Debra,

I really enjoyed the concert last night, and was impressed by Rick DellaRatta's spirit and activism as well as his talent.

Renee Greene - Continuum Health Partners

Testimonials – Page 2

Received: 8/15/06

From: Minda Cowen - Benefit Concert in Memory of Teresa Michelle Bogstad Fund for the Children's Cancer Foundation.

Hi Rick,

Thanks so much for all you have done in creating (the concert) the other night – it was very special.

I think you are doing a really good thing in doing Jazz for Peace benefit concerts with your talent.

Best Regards,

Minda

PS – “Say You’ll Be Mine” is my favorite.

Sent: Friday, June 23, 2006 1:06 PM

Hi Debra, Sue, & John;

I want to thank you for all your help, guidance and all your assistance with the Jazz for Peace Concert at Bellevue.....Thank you for being so accommodating with your time and being there to answer all our questions and all the support.....etc....etc.

Thank Rick for me, it was a pleasure meeting him. Rick and his supporting musicians had knocked themselves out performing this marvelous Concert for us. Rick, you are one of the rare pianists who makes the piano talk to you and for you. We feel it out in the audience. Your concert had moved us all. Thank you very much!!.....THANKS TO YOU ALL !!

Yours truly,

Viola Ong

Issaquah Valley Senior Center - Bellevue, WA