

Violins of Hope

“Their legacy will be born again as the notes are played.”

March 2020 – Benaroya Hall

Violins of Hope is a unique project inspired by a private collection of violins, violas and cellos lovingly restored over the past two decades by Israeli violin maker Amnon Weinstein. The instruments all belonged to Jews who played them before and during the Holocaust. Many were donated by or bought from survivors; some arrived through family members and many simply carry Stars of David as a decoration and an identity tag declaring: “We were played by proud people.” These precious instruments can now be heard again even though their former owners were silenced.



“Since the Shoah, when the Jewish cultural world was eradicated, I seek out the remaining sliver of culture: dusty violins in thousands of pieces, and I renew their lives as I repair and renovate them, piecing them together and cleaning them so that they may play their lively tunes once again. And even if the Jewish violinists have disappeared, I try to promise to them that their legacy will be born again as the notes are played.” - Amnon Weinstein, violin-maker, Tel Aviv

Music of Remembrance has a rare opportunity to bring a quartet of the *Violins of Hope* instruments to Seattle in late February – early March 2020. We will present a special concert at Benaroya Hall on March 1, featuring the core members of the Music of Remembrance ensemble, all members of the Seattle Symphony. These artists will be performing on the Holocaust-era *Violins of Hope* instruments in a program of music by composers lost to the Holocaust. We’ll also bring the instruments to schools and community centers for unique learning and listening experiences. The *Violins of Hope* visit in 2020 will mark an important milestone, 75 years after the defeat of the Third Reich. Even as the number of living survivors continues to dwindle, *Violins of Hope* helps to keep stories and memories alive.

But we need your help! Safely transporting and performing on these rare musical instruments is a delicate and expensive undertaking, especially for a small organization like Music of Remembrance. You can make an important difference by becoming a Sponsor. As a Sponsor, you’ll be part of a unique initiative at a singular moment in history. Together, we can continue sharing stories that the world needs to hear, with profound messages that are more relevant than ever.

The project’s total budget of approximately \$50,000 includes transportation of the instruments to Seattle, the narrated concert at Benaroya Hall, and several community outreach events in Seattle and Tacoma. Please contact us to discuss how you can help us reach this goal and make this compelling project a reality.

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