

Harmonies on the Horizon

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This young student is learning how to maintain her violin

This month, instructors conducted an intensive workshop focused on music instruction and instrument repair, helping students manage this new responsibility. Students are learning how to take care of their own instruments. Some students use their new education to play in recitals for the church and school.

Music--a universal language that transcends borders. On La Gonâve, it serves as a powerful form of expression and a valuable educational resource. Unfortunately, music education is rare on the island. The high costs of instruments and the absence of music programs in most schools make learning an instrument a rarity.

St. Trinite Music School, located on the mainland in Port-au-Prince, began a satellite music program at St. Francis in the Fall of 2024. Students receive instruction on string, brass, and wind instruments. The kids learn technical skills, build camaraderie, and gain confidence.



This student learns to play a keyboard and read sheet music with an instructor

Primary students have class 4 days per week, while 7th graders and up have class once per week plus a practice session after school. Private lessons are available for the community. The instruments and the instructors are paid for by the partnership, so students can focus on learning and creativity. What an amazing opportunity for these kids!



Violin repair session



Instructor fine-tuning a student's violin



Labor and Agriculture Day celebration with Pre-K students at St. Francis



Fèt Travay ak Agrikilti, also known as Labor and Agriculture Day, is celebrated annually on May 1st in Haiti. This day honors the significance of farmers and laborers. Both children and teachers at St. Francis dressed up to pay tribute to those who cultivate the land and supply their food.

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