Katrina and Tsunami brought Jazz Friendship

Jazz Aid from New Orleans, home of Jazz, to little jazz men in Kesen-numa city has been delivered. They lost all of their instruments, rehearsal room and scores by Tsunami. However, they are ready to SWING on 24th of April at shelter in Kesen-numa city, Miyagi prefecture.

Birthplace of Jazz, New Orleans where was suffered from hurricane Katrina 6 years ago, donated musical instruments for whole member of a jazz band in Kesen-numa city, through Wonderful World Jazz Foundation (Nihon Louis Armstrong Kyoukai). The band is Swing Dolphins, 18 pieces jazz big band consists of children in Kesen-numa city, Miyagi pref. Their instruments, scores and rehearsal room were completely washed away by Tsunami on March 11.

Information on concert by Swing Dolphins
(1) Place: PreSport hiroba at Sougou Taiikukan (gym) “K Wave” (used as Shelter now), in Kesen-numa city.
(2) Date and Time: April 24 (Sun) 13:00-15:00
(3) Program: 6 bands will perform.

13:00 Opening remarks
Performance by Hodenasu Blues band
13:20 Performance by HAPPY TOCO
13:40 Performance by Kahon Workshop
13:50 Performance by Jumping Craw
14:10 Performance by Wonderful World Jazz Foundation (Yoshio and Keiko Toyama)
14:30 Presentation of instruments to Swing Dolphins
14:35 Performance by Swing Dolphins
14:55 Finale – “When the saints go marchin’ in” by all players

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The Japan Foundation has been fostering network between cities of Japan and New Orleans to share Armstrong Kyoukai) and hosting “Japan-U.S. Dialogue for Cooperation in Reconstruction after Hurricane Katrina”. See details from on website. http://www.jpf.go.jp/index.html

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