



## **Luthiers Sans Frontières UK**

### **LSF UK**

*Repairing stringed instruments in the developing world*

*Training stringed instrument repairers and bow repairers  
in the developing world*

LSF is a small international organization founded in Belgium in 2001. It began with a repair project run by two violin makers, an American and a Belgian, in schools in Havana, Cuba. From this experience it was clear that many talented musical children lack properly repaired and maintained stringed instruments.

So LSF was set up as a permanent organization to send more trained violin and bow repairers to countries where these services are lacking (e.g. Congo, Bolivia, India ..) LSF now has volunteer members from 12 different nationalities: German, American, English, Argentinian, Austrian, Belgian, Canadian, Cuban, French, Irish, Italian and Swiss. These volunteers are trained professionals who are willing to give their time to visit the developing world to train colleagues to repair violins and maintain bows.

### **What do we actually do?**

- Volunteers go to provide repair services to musicians, schools, orchestras etc.
- Volunteers go to train instrument and bow repairers
- LSF provides tools and equipment to set up permanent workshops

LSF has members in many countries. Those in the UK have now set up a UK section - LSF UK - which organizes its own funds and plans to set up projects in new countries where there is a need.

## What help do we need from you?

- Become a member of LSF UK
- Give funds to support our activities
- Donate tools, strings, bow hair etc. to support our workshops
- Become a volunteer repairer or trainer

## Membership / Donation Form

Name .....

Profession.....

Address.....

Tel..... email.....

I would like to become a member      £ 15 \_\_\_\_

I would like to make a donation of      £ 20 \_\_\_\_    £ 30 \_\_\_\_    £100 \_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer      \_\_\_\_

I am a UK Taxpayer. I would like Luthiers Sans Frontieres UK (LSF UK ) to treat all donations I make from the date of this donation until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations.

Signature

Date

# Become a member or supporter of LSF UK

Please fill in the form above and send it with a cheque made out to  
*LuthiersSansFrontieres UK*

to: The Treasurer LSF UK, Surrey Strings, 3 The Coles Shop, Merton Abbey Mills,  
Watermill Way, London SW19 2RD

We will keep you up to date on LSF activities by email or through the post. Any trained  
violin maker willing to do voluntary work is most welcome. Gifts of instruments, bow hair  
or violin materials are much appreciated.

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