

An illustration of a person's hands playing an acoustic guitar. The left hand is positioned on the fretboard, and the right hand is strumming the strings. The guitar is light-colored with a dark fretboard. The background is a soft, warm yellow and orange gradient.

Retune Idaho

Reclaim. Repair. Resonate.

An organization connecting Idaho's musical heritage with tomorrow's musicians through instrument restoration and community partnership.

Executive Summary

The Opportunity

Thousands of musical instruments sit unused in Idaho homes, while eager students lack access to quality instruments. Retune Idaho bridges this gap.

Our Mission

We reclaim unused musical instruments, restore them through professional technician partnerships, and gift them to students in need across Idaho.

Founded in 2026, Retune Idaho combines charitable vision with practical craftsmanship. Each instrument represents not just a gift of music, but a connection between generations—between those who played and those who will. Our model leverages Idaho's network of skilled instrument technicians, creating both economic opportunity and educational access.

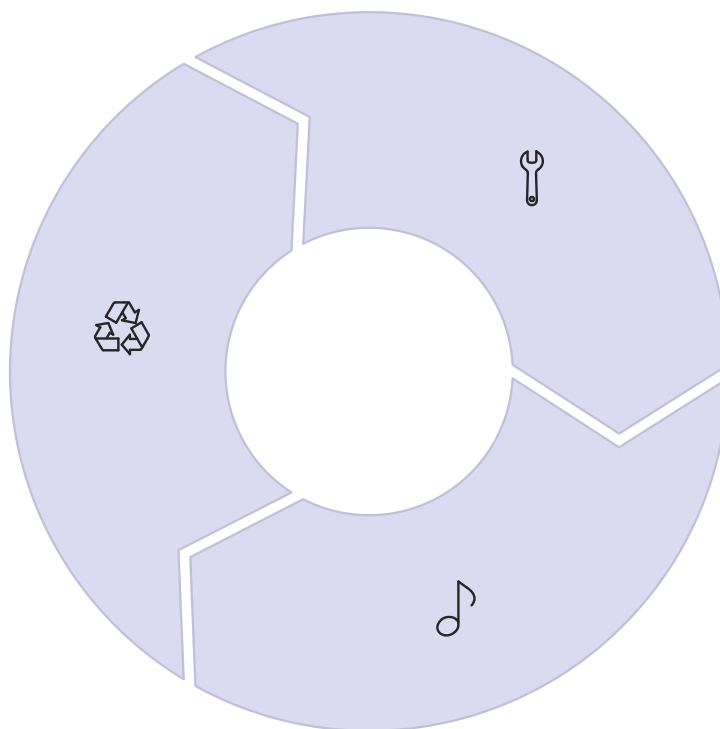
We're building a sustainable cycle: reclaiming instruments through donations, raising funds for restoration work, gifting instruments, thus creating a self-reinforcing system of musical equity. By the end of 2026, we aim to place 50 instruments and establish technician partnerships in the Treasure Valley.

The Cycle of Equity

Three transformative stages create lasting impact in Idaho's music education landscape.

Reclaim

Partner with communities to collect unused instruments from homes, estates, and institutions across Idaho.



Repair

Connect instruments with professional technicians who restore them to playing condition with care and expertise.

Resonate

Gift restored instruments to qualified students in partnership with Idaho schools and music programs.

Reclaim: The Foundation



Home Collections

Estate cleanouts, attic discoveries, and family transitions provide instruments with songs left to play.



Institutional Partners

Schools, churches, and community centers often hold unused instruments gathering dust in storage.



Tax Benefits

Donors receive charitable deductions while knowing their instrument continues inspiring music.

Every year, Idaho families clean out attics, downsize homes, or close estates. Among these belongings, musical instruments gather dust—violins in cases, guitars in closets, band instruments in basements. Each carries memories, craftsmanship, and potential.

Retune Idaho provides a dignified second life for these instruments. We handle pickup, documentation, and donor recognition. Instruments are cataloged with any known history, maintaining their legacy while preparing for new hands to play them.



Repair: Craftsmanship Restores Purpose

Expert technicians breathe new life into instruments, applying skills honed over decades.

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Initial Assessment

Technicians evaluate each instrument's condition, materials, and required work to determine feasibility and restoration approach.

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Restoration Plan

A customized plan addresses structural issues, missing parts, and cosmetic concerns while preserving original character.

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Craft Application

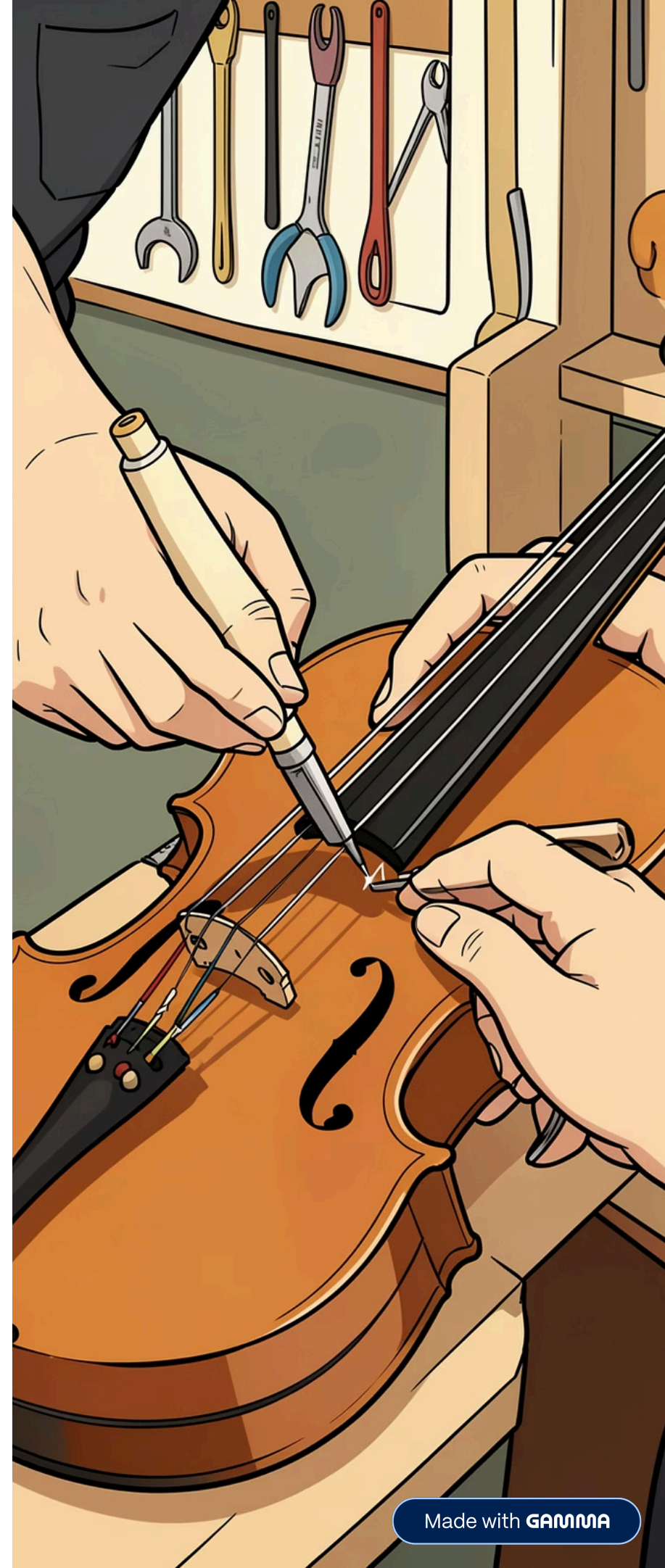
From woodworking to metalwork, each trade applies specialized skills to return instruments to playable condition.

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Quality Assurance

Final inspection ensures instruments meet professional standards and sound their best for new students.

Idaho boasts exceptional instrument technicians—luthiers, piano tuners, wind instrument specialists—whose expertise often goes underutilized. Retune Idaho creates consistent work while supporting local economic vitality.



Resonate: Where Dreams Take Root



Student Selection

Partner classrooms and merit-based programs identify students demonstrating musical interest and financial need.



Gift

Instruments are presented discreetly with documentation of their history, creating emotional connection between past and future.



Ongoing Support

Maintenance guidance, referral networks, and community events support students throughout their musical journey.

The moment transforms everything: a student's eyes light up as they receive an instrument meant just for them. It's not borrowed or rented—it's theirs. This ownership builds commitment and pride.

Each instrument carries its story—where it came from, who played it (anonymously), how many years it waited for this moment. We capture these narratives, connecting donor families with recipient students when appropriate, creating multi-generational bonds through music.

Students pledge to practice, care for their instrument, and eventually pay the gift forward—whether through their own donations, community service, or inspiring future musicians.

How to Partner: Three Pathways to Impact

For Donors

- Donate unwanted instruments from your home or organization
- Make financial contributions supporting technician work
- Sponsor specific instruments through our naming program
- Provide warehouse or workshop space for operations
- Connect us with estate attorneys and probate professionals

Tax benefits available for all instrument donations. Corporate partners receive public recognition and community visibility.

For Technicians

- Accept restoration projects at competitive rates
- Build portfolio showcasing craftsmanship to future clients
- Network with other Idaho music professionals
- Qualify for equipment grants and training scholarships
- Participate in technician certification programs

Work paid upon instrument completion. Flexible scheduling accommodates existing businesses and retirement expertise.

For Educators

- Refer qualified students needing instruments for success
- Host instrument donation drives at your school or church
- Partner on student recognition and "passing of the baton" ceremonies
- Coordinate maintenance clinics and technician visits
- Participate in curriculum development around instrument heritage

No cost to schools. Streamlined paperwork and flexible timing work with your academic calendar.

2026 Roadmap: Building Sustainable Impact

Q1 2026	Establish 1-3 technicians hubs covering the Treasure Valley.
Q2 2026	Launch pilot program placing 50 instruments across schools while refining assessment protocols
Q3 2026	Secure foundation grant partnerships and formalize educator network with multiple committed schools
Q4 2026	Reach 75 instruments restored, celebrate milestone with donor and recipient reunions at annual gala

Warehouse Expansion

Additional storage and workshop space to accommodate growing inventory and volunteer capacity.

Digital Platform

Online instrument tracking system connects donors, technicians, and recipients in real-time.

Board of Directors: Shape Our Future

Strategic Leadership

Guide organizational vision, expansion priorities, and long-term sustainability planning.

Financial Stewardship

Oversee budget allocation, fundraising campaigns, and grant compliance reporting.

Board Requirements

Commitment to monthly meetings, quarterly workshops, and active participation in fundraising and community outreach initiatives. Passion for music education and Idaho's cultural heritage essential.

Term & Expectations

Three-year terms renewable once. Board members contribute financially or through equivalent fundraising, leveraging networks for donor connections and strategic partnerships.

Committee Opportunities

Operations, Finance, Education Partnerships, Technician Network, and Development committees allow focused impact in areas of expertise.

Join Us in Resonating Across Idaho

Every instrument has a story waiting to continue. Every student deserves the chance to discover their voice through music. Retune Idaho connects these two truths.

Contribute Instruments

Contact us for pickup or drop-off.
Receive donation acknowledgment
within 14 days.

Partner as Technician

Submit your specialty, location, and
availability through our online
portal. Projects assigned quarterly.

Refer Students

Identify eager learners needing
instruments through your school,
church, or community organization.

We don't just give instruments—we restore legacies and create futures, one note at a time.

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