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Cremona Violins Played by the Children of South Africa

San Francisco, CA / January 15, 2004 - One of the things that makes our business so special is hearing about how what we do really can make a difference in the lives of people all over the world. Case in point can be found in the far away townships of South Africa.

For years, Mr. Peter Guy, an International customer of Saga Musical Instruments has made it possible for children from some of the poorest townships in South Africa to get involved in school music programs. He has shown these children that with a little hard work and determination, music can be a useful and meaningful part of life - even in the most notable trouble spots of the world.

With the help of Saga Musical Instruments, Peter continues to supply new instruments to the students and teachers of these township schools who would otherwise not have access due to the decline in the funding of school music programs. "The ability to express themselves through music has truly played a significant role in the lives of each and every one of these children. Because life is so hard in the townships (of South Africa) anything that can help to elevate the hearts and minds of these children, will certainly help prepare them for a positive future," Peter happily admits.

To reward the efforts of the students, in 2003 a 45-date tour that covered much of the country was carried out with great success. "Not bad for a bunch of 13 year old kids from the townships," says Peter. "In fact, our next goal is to produce a CD, so that the rest of the world can hear what it is we are doing down here in South Africa.

