



The Music Box



Benefit Concert to aid 'El Sistema Bahamas' program!

★ WITH crime heavy on the minds of Bahamians these days, perhaps the answer to the problem doesn't lie in Her Majesty's Prison but in the hearts, minds and hands of fifth-graders in Nassau Village.

The *Bahamas Music Conservatory* has been working with the Government to bring the orchestral program "El Sistema" to The Bahamas.

El Sistema has been saving lives of kids in Venezuela. The program is due to start in **September** at *Cleveland Eneas Primary School* in Nassau Village.

Canadian concert pianist, *Ronée Boyce*, along with two of her musical colleagues from Canada, *Sybil Shanahan* and *Sharon Lee*, have agreed to play a benefit con-



● **Classical violinist Sharon Lee**

cert in support of the Bahamas Music Conservatory's El Sistema Bahamas program.

The classical trio, who are a part of "The Neapolitan Connection Concert Series" in To-



● **Sybil Shanahan plays the cello**

ronto, will present an evening of chamber music. The concert will take place at *Ebenezer Methodist Church Sanctuary* on Shirley Street at **7pm, Sunday, July 3**. Admission is free. But a collection



● **Concert pianist Ronée Boyce**

will be taken for the benefit of the El Sistema Bahamas program.

Ronée, Sybil and Sharon are only three of 14 Canadian musicians who are travelling to The Bahamas at the beginning of July.

The group is set to perform in the *Nassau City Opera Company's* production of *Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess"*. This popular opera will be performed at the *Rainforest Theatre, July 5, 6 and 7*, with the gala performance on **July 10**. Tickets are available at the *Dundas Centre For The Performing Arts Box Office*.

These Canadian musicians are looking forward to entertaining Bahamians and helping to bring the El Sistema Bahamas' program to fruition.

Please support their concert and our young music students, who hold the hope of a bright future in their hands, thanks to El Sistema Bahamas. For more information see them on *Facebook*, or visit www.bahamas.com/vendor/ebenezer-methodist-church.