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## BARRY MANILOW DONATES NEW YAMAHA PIANO ONCE MORE TO KICK OFF NEW MUSIC INSTRUMENT DRIVE FOR DALLAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Public Can Trade a New or Gently Used Musical Instrument For Free Tickets to Manilow's February 18th Concert

**[Dallas, TX—January 28, 2016]** – Legendary singer-songwriter Barry Manilow hopes others will once again follow his philanthropic lead as he brings his Manilow Music Project to the Dallas Independent School District in Dallas. The pop icon plans to donate a Yamaha piano to launch a local music instrument drive. Anyone who donates a new or gently used musical instrument one week prior to show date will receive 2 free tickets (valid for pre-selected seat locations on a first come first serve basis) for Manilow's February 18th show.

The Manilow Music Project has conducted music instrument drives all over the country to assist local schools with their music programs.

"I'm thrilled to once again bring the gift of music to these kids," added Manilow.

The box office located at American Airlines Center will serve as the base for the instrument drive in Dallas from February 11<sup>th</sup> through February 17th. The instrument drop off location is open 10:00am - 5:00pm Monday through Saturday.

"The Dallas Independent School District is honored to support the Manilow Music Project. School music programs are an integral part of a quality, well-rounded education, and we look forward to the opportunity to pair up these donated instruments with deserving students in need of the fantastic experiences that our band, orchestra, and choral programs provide," said Tim Linley, Director of Instrumental Music of the Dallas Independent School District. "We wholeheartedly thank Mr. Manilow for his support of music education in our schools."

The Manilow Music Project (MMP) is part of The Manilow Fund for Health and Hope. It was formed as a grass roots organization to assist local charities and programs. Its primary focus is to provide musical instruments to high schools and middle schools and to provide music scholarships at universities throughout the US, Canada, and the UK. More information on the Manilow Music Project can be found at http://www.manilowmusicproject.org/.

Tickets are available online at <u>Manilow.com</u> or <u>Ticketmaster.com</u>, in person at the American Airlines Center Box Office, or by calling 1-800-745-3000.

With worldwide record sales exceeding 80 million, Barry Manilow's unparalleled career encompasses virtually every arena of entertainment, including performing, writing, composing, arranging, and producing. A Songwriters Hall of Fame inductee, Manilow has produced, arranged, and released more than 40 albums during the course of his career. He has also written and produced songs for Barbra Streisand, Bette Midler, Dionne Warwick, and many more. He has been honored with a Grammy, two Emmys, a Tony Award, an Oscar nomination, and a top selling autobiography.

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