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Dear Friends, Colleagues, Cello or Music Enthusiasts:

As many of you may already know, I have been involved in the establishment of the Antonio Janigro Foundation. This effort started in 2002 and has now successfully celebrated its 4th season. Some of you personally knew Antonio Janigro, others have listened to his playing or conducting. Unfortunately, the recording company that released his cello repertoire has long been defunct, and only recently have some of the original performances been released. The initial, and almost completed, goal of the Foundation was to restore as many analog LP recordings as possible and reissue them in digital format. Dr. Don Rice was hugely instrumental in this effort, thank you Don for your help! We have now completed the reissue of approximately 80% of the over 150 LPs! Other highlights of our accomplishments have been support of I Cellisti (Cleveland Cello Society), financial and logistical support for Umberto Clerici's first Cleveland appearance, and financial support for the Janigro Cello Competition awards.

Who we are

The Antonio Janigro Foundation is based in Cleveland Heights, Ohio and is entirely run by volunteers. The Honorary President is M^o. Stjepan Aranjoš, co-founder of the Zagreb Soloists and invaluable friend and colleague during Antonio's years in Zagreb and beyond. Kim Ann Conklin (my wife) and Matt Oby (Akron, OH) have graciously agreed to help with legal and financial issues, while Ida Mercer, a founder of [Red {an orchestra}](#), has provided musical and practical assistance with all Northeast Ohio activities. [Umberto Clerici](#), the young Italian cello sensation, has recently joined the Foundation and will perform in Cleveland again next March, under the sponsorship of the Cleveland Cello Society and with

financial support from the Antonio Janigro Foundation. We are actively recruiting volunteers, and are especially interested in former students or colleagues, who wish to share memories and increase the visibility and scope of this foundation.

What have we done:

- Established the antoniojanigro.org domain
- Designed a web site describing his life, teachings and musical legacy
- Cleaned, de-clicked and transferred old LP recordings onto digitally remastered CDs
- Allowed the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO) to use Antonio Janigro's recordings for a CD issued by the CSO for CSO subscribers
- Distributed CDs to those who have asked for specific titles via the web site or by word of mouth; approximately 200 CDs were shipped to 4 continents and 12 countries in 2005-2006, at no cost
- Organized a cello concert by [Umberto Clerici](#) and Liz DeMio in Cleveland, OH as part of the annual season of the Cleveland Cello Society (CCS).
- Helped the CCS in raising money for their annual scholarship fund
- Provided funds for the Janigro Family Award given to promising young cellists as part of the International Antonio Janigro Cello Competition

Why fundraising?

This is our first fundraising effort, and reflects a desire to expand our activities. Thus far, the production and distribution of remastered CDs and other materials have been accomplished with time and funds donated by foundation members, at no cost to the recipients. We have been offered support and contributions, but continued to self-support our efforts. At this point, the internet web site is attracting many more requests than a purely self-supporting group can meet. We would also like to expand our activities to include the following:

- re-editing and organizing all the cello literature pertinent to cello or chamber music repertoire that was annotated by Antonio Janigro during his career
- providing scholarships for young and deserving cellists
- offering increased support to the [Antonio Janigro Cello Competition](#). In 2008, the Antonio Janigro Foundation will help organize the competition in Zagreb, Croatia. The tentative date is January 15th, 2008. We would actively advertise this event in the United States and, if financially feasible, pay part of travel expenses for up to two Northeast Ohio cellists selected by a group of cellists from the Cleveland Institute of Music, the Cleveland Orchestra and Cleveland State University.
- sponsoring [Umberto Clerici's](#) return to Cleveland. His performance will be held on March 4th, 2007 on the Case Western Reserve University campus.

I am contacting you on behalf of the Antonio Janigro Foundation and the fund-raising team to request your support in the form of a donation. We work very hard to promote young cellists and maintain Antonio Janigro's musical legacy. We hope we can count on you for a generous donation of \$100 or more. However, please note that any donation amount is always welcomed.

Please also check for matching funds through your employer; many companies have matching programs which you may not be aware of. Online donations may be made via [PayPal](#) by using the email address of the Foundation (info@antoniojanigro.org). If you are sending your donation in the form of a check, please make it payable to the Antonio Janigro Foundation. If you have any questions on how to make donations from countries outside the United States, please contact us. We have applied for tax-exempt status, and your donation may be tax deductible.

For more information, visit antoniojanigro.org online or do not hesitate to contact us at info@antoniojanigro.com or at

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Thank you for your time and consideration. The Antonio Janigro Foundation can't continue to grow without the generosity of donors like you!

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