

***EL CINE CUBANO!* Monthly Film Series Continues with Tuning with the Enemy: Send a Piano to Havana on Sunday, September 28th, from 3-5pm at the Bozeman Library Community Room**

El Cine Cubano! Film Series kicks-off the school year with a free showing of **Tuning with the Enemy: Send a Piano to Havana**, Sunday, September 28, 3 - 5 p.m. in the large community room at the Bozeman Public Library. Tuning with the Enemy is a captivating, humorous and moving film about the "Send A Piano to Havana" Campaign initiated by Berkeley, California, piano tuner Ben Treuhaft to help address the shortage of pianos in the island nation.

In his visits to Cuba, Treuhaft marveled at the ability of young musicians to raise beautiful sounds out of pianos that were ravaged by termites or the salty Caribbean air and vowed to restore as many used uprights and grands as he could and ship them back to Havana. He hoped that nothing would get in the way of his mission of musical mercy – especially his own government! Tuning with the Enemy documents his efforts to overcome the 1962 *US Trading with the Enemy Act* law that prevented pianos from being considered as Humanitarian Aid and able to be legally shipped to Cuba.

Renowned Pianist Ann Tappan who has traveled to Cuba will also play and others will speak about experiences with Cuba's investment in programs dedicated to developing access to arts and culture. Information about travel to Cuba will also be available starting at 2:45pm when doors open for this free community-wide event.

Join Gallatin Valley Friends of Cuba at the film series, along with other Bozeman area people who have or want to travel to Cuba, and are interested in citizen diplomacy projects, people to people connections, possible Sister City and general education and organizing work. Fundamentally, Gallatin Valley Friends of Cuba is about building bridges between the people of Montana and Cuba and, promoting free exchange of travel and ideas between both the U.S. and Cuba.

El Cine Cubano! Film Series is organized by Gallatin Valley Friends of Cuba, the Bozeman Public Library Foundation, MSU Department of Modern Languages and Literature and the US Women and Cuba Collaboration (www.womenandcuba.org). Save the date of Sunday, October 26th for the next film screening and discussion.

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