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IMNF to Host Music Has Power Symposium in NYC on Wednesday, November 20

Mount Vernon, NY- The Institute for Music and Neurologic Function will be hosting a conference on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at the Times Center in New York City. The IMNF's groundbreaking and internationally recognized research, education, and training programs use music therapy to assist the "awakening and healing" of individuals with a wide range of neurological conditions including strokes, trauma, dementia, Alzheimer's disease, and Parkinson's disease.

While music activities may be present in most care settings, these activities don't provide the therapeutic benefits that are possible with music therapy-informed interventions and programs. Best practices from music therapy are transforming dementia care and have the potential to improve healthcare – and health – for older people, whatever their needs, wherever they receive care.

The Music Has Power Symposium will offer insights on music and brain health as well as best practices from Music Therapy. This Symposium entitled "Music, Brain Health and Music-Based Interventions in Senior Wellness and Healthcare" is approved for 3 Continuing Music Therapy Education (CMTE) credits by the Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT), as well as credits for New York Therapeutic Recreation and NAB credits for Long Term Care Administrators. Please check out the attached link or go to the webpage to learn more.

From its inception, the IMNF has brought together neuroscientists, clinicians and innovators to promote greater understanding of music-based interventions in healthcare and wellness. This symposium brings back this tradition and will become an annual offering of the IMNF going forward.

Celebrating Achievements during the evening awards ceremony, we will honor two distinguished figures in the field of music and brain health. Edward Large, a leader in neuroscience, and Greg Barnhill, an accomplished composer and musician, will be recognized for their significant contributions to the field of music and brain health.

Edward Large is a leader in neuroscience and focuses on how the brain processes rhythm and music. His research helps explain how rhythm-based music therapy benefits those with neurological conditions like Parkinson's and stroke. Greg Barnhill's work spans decades. Greg will bring his unique blend of music that has touched the hearts of many around the world. Known for his soulful songwriting, he advocates for music's therapeutic power in improving brain health.

Engaging and Educational - The daytime symposium will delve into current innovations and research in music therapy, neuroscience, and senior healthcare. Engage with thought leaders during dynamic discussions and connect with peers in an environment dedicated to advancing brain health and well-being through music.

Event Details:

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Symposium: 12:00 PM – 5:15 PM

Awards Ceremony: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

The link to learn more: [Explore the Transformative Power of Music at the Music Has Power® Symposium and Awards Ceremony \(imnf.org\)](https://imnf.org)

Sponsors include: Gibson Gives, Leading Age, Inner Wave

IMNF has received support from a variety of sources, including individuals, corporations, and foundations that recognize the value of music therapy and neurological research. Some of the well-known supporters and sponsors over the years have included Sting, The ASCAP Foundation, The Grammy Foundation, Moby, Mickey Hart and Musicians On Call.

The institute continues to grow in prominence as music therapy gains recognition as an effective treatment for neurological conditions.

About IMNF: The IMNF is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. Founded in 1995, the IMNF is driven by over 35 years of clinical observations on the actual effects of music on individuals who have different types of physical and neurological disorders. Directed by renowned music therapist Dr. Concetta M. Tomaino, the IMNF conducts research on the relationship between music and the brain, provides patients with music therapy, and offers our professional peers around the world the latest music therapy education and training information about best practices. Through the scientific exploration of music and the brain, the IMNF seeks to establish new knowledge and to develop more effective music therapy treatments to awaken, stimulate and heal through the extraordinary power of music.

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Andre De Shields, Honoree at MHP 2023



Greg Barnhill