



Music Therapy Association of Minnesota

Spring 2012 Newsletter

A Newsletter for Minnesota's Music Therapists

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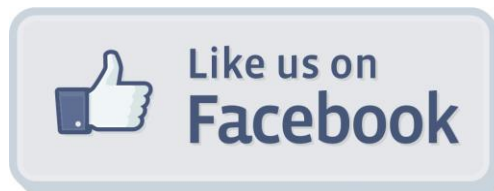
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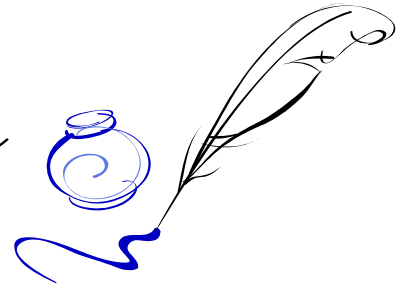
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<http://www.musictherapymn.com>

And:



A Letter from the President's Desk:



Welcome all! This is my first column as president of the Music Therapy Association of Minnesota. I want to start by saying a big "thank you" to all the new board members. They are a very talented bunch and I look forward to working with them for the next two years.

This year's Spring conference is entitled "iMT: Music Technology, Measurement, and Assistive Technology for Music Therapists." It will be held at Augsburg College on March 10th and features Minnesota's Jennie Delisi.

This is promising to be an exciting year for music therapy in Minnesota. Augsburg College has received academic approval to begin a Master's of Music Therapy program beginning in 2013. The state recognition task force has some news that will be announced shortly. Be to keep checking back to the MTAM website as current detail will be posted. Additionally, there will also be a Q & A session at the conference.

That is all for now and I look forward to seeing everyone on March 10th.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Meyer, MA, MT-BC



Spring 2012 Conference

“iMT: Music Technology, Measurement and Assistive Technology for Music Therapists”

Presented by: Jennie Delisi, MA, MT-BC
Saturday March 10, 2012

Augsburg College, Foss Chapel 2511 Riverside Avenue, Minneapolis, MN
55454

Jennie Delisi is a music therapist and the therapeutic services coordinator at Lifeworks Services. She earned her masters at the University of Minnesota, and is a Neurologic Music Therapy Fellow. She was appointed by Gov. Pawlenty to the Minnesota Assistive Technology Advisory Council in 2007 and was reappointed in August of 2010. She also serves on the reimbursement committee for the Music Therapy Association of Minnesota.

She co-authored a chapter entitled Multi-Sensory Environments and Augmentative Communication Tools (IGI Global, 2010), and wrote an article for Closing, the Gap's Magazine. Her clinical work focuses on using music therapy techniques to address communication and sensory challenges.

Conference Agenda:

8:00	Registration & Refreshments
8:30	MTAM Business Meeting
9:30	Morning Session
10:45	Break
11:00	Band
12:00	Lunch served in the Atrium
12:45	Afternoon Session
2:00	Break
2:15	Afternoon Session Continues
3:30	Closing

MTAM Spring 2012 Conference Registration Form
“iMT: Music Technology, Measurement and Assistive Technology for Music Therapists”

Presented by:
Jennie Delisi, MA, MT-BC
Augsburg College, Foss Chapel
2511 Riverside Avenue, Minneapolis, MN
Saturday, March 10th, 2012

Name _____ CBMT # _____ (for music therapists)

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Conference Registration Type (please check one)

A'viands buffet lunch is included in the registration fee for all registrations postmarked by **March 3, 2012**.

_____ \$30.00 MTAM 2012 Professional Member

_____ \$15.00 MTAM 2012 Student Member

_____ \$60.00 Non-Member

MTAM 2011 membership may be paid now (please check one)

_____ \$25.00 MTAM 2012 Professional Membership

_____ \$12.00 MTAM 2012 Student Membership

Special Needs: _____ Check here if a disability requires accommodation for you to fully participate.

Please register online OR print this form and send along with a check payable to MTAM to:

Beth Cummins-Postigo
8730 Fremont Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55420

For questions regarding the conference, please contact Christina Wood at: cgufer@hotmail.com
Augsburg College is accessible for persons with disabilities.

Cancellation and Refund Policy:

Refunds for cancellations are made available by written request only and must be mailed to Beth Cummins-Postigo.

Full refunds cannot be made.

80% of fees will be refunded if refund request is postmarked by February 18, 2012.

50% of fees if will be refunded if request is postmarked by February 25, 2012.

No refunds will be made after March 3, 2012.

Refunds will be processed within 45 days of the conference.

“iMT: Music Technology, Measurement and Assistive Technology for Music Therapists” is approved by the Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT) for five (5) continuing music therapy education credits. Credits awarded by CBMT are accepted by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC). MTAM, provider #P-052, maintains responsibility for program quality and adherence to CBMT policies and criteria.

Government Relations Update:

The Government Relations position has transferred from Todd Schwartzberg to co-chairs Claire Klein and Amy Madson. Currently, Claire and Amy have begun monitoring activity that pertains to music therapy in the MN legislature and public policy. They are also planning advocacy endeavors for this coming spring, including Music Therapy Week and Music Therapy Day on the Hill.

Please contact them if you are interested in taking an active role in these events, and look for more information on these events and other exciting developments for our field at the upcoming Spring conference!

Claire Klein, MT-BC
Amy Madson, MA, MT-BC



Local Music Therapy News:

- Dawn McDougal Miller, MME, MT-BC, Fellow in the Association for Music and Imagery, will be presenting with Ted Bowman at the Minnesota Hospice and Palliative Care Conference in April 2012.
- Annie Heiderscheit, Ph.D., MT-BC, FAMI, LMFT—is now the 4th music therapist at Park Nicollet Health Services. She began working again at the Park Nicollet Melrose Eating Disorders program in December 2011.
- Congratulations to Christy Holland, the new Internship Director at Good Samaritan Society - Stillwater!
- At the AMTA Conference in November 2011, Sandra Holten participated on an Institute panel presenting Programming and Marketing Strategies: Supporting Individuals in the Caregiving Role. The institute, chaired by Barbara Reuer, explored the demographics of caregivers in the U.S., caregiver needs, music therapy and caregivers, caregiver education and funding ideas.

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- A big congratulation to Augsburg College for their recent approval of their Master of Music Therapy program, which begins in Fall 2013!
- Mickey Hart invited music therapists from the Music Therapy Association of Minnesota to attend his concert at the Cedar Cultural Center in Minneapolis on Dec. 15, 2011. Mickey is percussionist of the Mickey Hart Band and former drummer of The Grateful Dead. He is an advocate of music therapy and attended the AMTA national conference in Atlanta in 2011.

He asked the MTAM to choose an organization to which a portion of the ticket sales would be donated. The MTAM board chose Children's Lighthouse of Minnesota, a children's hospice being developed by music therapist Katie Lindenfesler. Both Children's Lighthouse and MTAM hosted information tables during the concert so attendees could learn more and make additional donations. Mickey Hart made a special announcement about Children's Lighthouse and music therapy in Minnesota during the concert.

Katie and MTAM board members Amy Furman, Sarah Newberry and Erin Fox met Mickey and thanked him for his support (pictured below):



News from the U

It has been a busy year for the University of Minnesota music therapy program. More than fourteen of our students made the trip down to Atlanta for AMTA's national conference. The University of Minnesota's music therapy program was very well represented at the poster session with eleven research posters completed by students and faculty. At the conference, we also had one member elected to the national board for AMTAS. The U of M's Music Therapy Student's Association also held their once-a-semester bake sale to help fund going to conference with great success!



Beth Kimura
President of MTSA
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Updates from Augsburg

The most exciting news coming from Augsburg is that we have recently received approval from the faculty and Board of Regents to offer a Master of Music Therapy degree, with an emphasis in healthcare, starting in Fall 2013. This will be a hybrid program, incorporating both on-campus and distance learning. We are all ecstatic for the expansion of our educational opportunities, as this program has been developing for the past seven years.

On a different note, students in the Music Therapy Club are currently in the process of fundraising, so that students can attend the Great Lakes Regional Conference. Our most recent efforts have been dedicated towards offering "Singing Valentines" around campus for Valentine's Day. This is a great opportunity to showcase the musicianship of our program and inform others about music therapy.

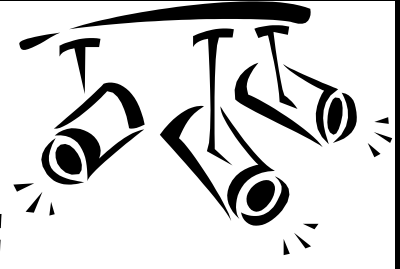
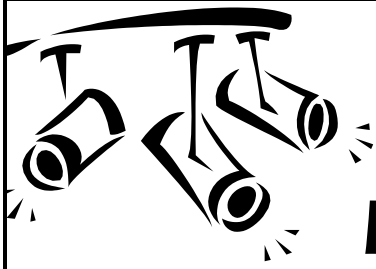
Finally, the Music Therapy Senior Seminar class is in the process of planning a benefit concert in which proceeds will go towards supporting Children's Lighthouse of Minnesota. More details about the concert will be shared at the Spring MTAM conference.

Please look on the MTAM website for any upcoming events to be happening at Augsburg!

Laura Steines - Augsburg Music Therapy Club President

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Spotlight on a Minnesota MT-BC:

Melissa Huntsinger, MT-BC

Q: What brought you into the field of music therapy?

A: I was first introduced to music therapy by my middle school choir teacher, Ms. Myers. This teacher, who had a major influence on my development as a musician in general, mentioned it as a possible career choice for me. Of course, as a young middle school girl, I didn't give it much thought at the time. A few years later, I witnessed the effect of music on my grandmother who was suffering from dementia and decided to take a closer look at music therapy. I still wasn't completely sold on pursuing this path and began my studies at the University of Minnesota as a pre-med major. However, I kept coming back to this idea of combining my love of music with a career aimed at helping others. In the spring of my freshman year I decided to change tracks, audition for the school of music, and begin a life answering the question: "Music therapy? What is that?". And I wouldn't have it any other way!

Q: Where have you been working, and with what populations of people?

A: I am an independent contractor with Growing With Music, Incorporated. We provide developmental music programs in early education settings. I work with children ages 6 months - 5 years, teaching music concepts and developmental skills needed in preparation for kindergarten. Over the past year I also had the opportunity to contract with Music Medicine, providing individual and group music therapy sessions to adults with special needs, and to work as the assistant music therapist at Gianna Homes, a residential facility for adults with dementia.

Q: What do you do to remain inspired and up-to-date in the field?

A: Feeling connected to the music therapy community, reading journal articles, and attending conferences keeps me inspired and up-to-date. Staying in contact with classmates and colleagues in order to share challenges and successes, and to offer support has kept me from feeling isolated in my work. I also make sure to take care of myself outside of work by designating time during each week to do things I enjoy such as spending time with my fiance, my family, and my friends; going rock climbing; and playing in a bluegrass band. Spending time in activities outside of work helps me to recharge and remain excited each week for the work I do.

Minnesota Internship Updates:

MTAM Internship Stipend

Two yearly deadlines, July 31st & January 31st
Apply by these dates for current interns or an upcoming internship
(Not for those who have finished or are in second half of their internship)

For more information or to apply for the stipend, visit us at:
http://www.musictherapymn.com/internship_sites

Fraser School and Community Services

Director: Kay Luedke-Smith, MT-BC, NMT Fellow

Contact: kayL@fraser.org

Current and Future Interns: Klayci Peck (West Texas A&M) is completing her internship in Feb. 2012; Sarah Dill (Augsburg College) started her internship in Dec. 2011; Maureen Cavanagh (Augsburg College) is starting her internship in March 2012.

The Family Partnership (formerly Reuben Lindh Family Services)

Director: Sarah Woolever, MT-BC, NMT Fellow

Contact: swoolever@thefamilypartnership.org, 612-294-2667

Current and Future Interns: Hannah Hohn (Augsburg College) started in Oct. 2011, and Shauna Summers (Shenandoah University) starts in Feb. 2012

Good Samaritan Society – University Specialty Center

Director: Bill Webb, MT-BC

Supervisor: Peter Meyer, MT-BC, NMT

Contact: pmeyer2@good-sam.com

Current and Future Interns: A.J Schuh (University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire) and Kevin Lehtola (Augsburg College) began their internships in January

Laura Baker Services Association (New Internship Site!)

Director: Jennifer Pelletier, MS, MT-BC

Contact: jennifer@laurabaker.org

Current and future interns: You could be the first! Contact the internship director for details.

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Park Nicollet Health Services

Director: Dawn McDougal Miller, MME, MT-BC, Fellow in the Association of Music and Imagery

Supervisors: Sandra Holten, MT-BC, NMT Fellow; Gretchen Marble, MT-BC; Annie Heiderscheit, Ph.D., MT-BC, LMFT

Contact: dawn.miller@parknicollet.com, 952-993-5901

Current Interns: Julie Bowker (University of North Dakota) and Laura Roche (University of Iowa) started in Oct. 2011; Hsin-Yi Cheng (University of Iowa) and Mary Salvesson (University of North Dakota) started in Jan. 2012

Future Interns: Amber Tappe (University of Wisconsin Eau Claire) and Bethany Squires (University of Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne) start in April 2012; Laura Higgins (College of Wooster) and Noelani-mei Ascio (Sam Houston State University) start in July 2012; LeAnne Barck (University of Kansas) and Sarah Posey (Sam Houston State University) start in Oct. 2012.

Fairview Behavioral Services

Director: Bridget Doak, Ph.D, MT-BC

Supervisors: Emma Moonier, MT-BC; Danielle Malo, MM, MT-BC

Contact: bdoak1@fairview.org

Current intern: Akane Ueda began in January 2012.

Woodbury Health Care Center

Director: Jessica De Villers, MT-BC

Contact: jdevillers@woodburyseniorliving.com, 651-287-6525

Current interns: Kari Johnson (Augsburg College) and Christine Pappalardo (Western Illinois University)

Future interns: Angela Johnson (University of Minnesota) and Erin Knutson (University of Wisconsin Eau Claire)



Where Are They Now?

- Elizabeth Stephanz (University of Minnesota) completed her internship at The Family Partnership in Dec. 2011. She passed her board certification in January and is completing her thesis at the U of MN this spring.
- Ranell Balls (Utah State University) and Courtney Ihnen (Wartburg College) completed their internships at Fraser School. Ranell is currently working for Therapy Thru Music in Minneapolis, and Courtney is seeking employment in Iowa.
- Erin Lane and Jennifer Leonard (both of University of Minnesota) completed their internships at Park Nicollet Health Services in Dec. 2011. Erin is moving to Souix Falls, SD, and Jennifer recently passed the CBMT and is seeking a local music therapy position.
- Amber Olfert (University of Minnesota) completed her internship at Park Nicollet Health Services in Sept. 2011. She is now working at Opportunity Partners in Minnetonka.
- Jenn Shodis (University of Minnesota) and Amanda Miller (University of Iowa) completed their internships at The Good Samaritan – University Specialty Center in Jan. 2011. Jenn is serving as the Editor for the Music Therapy Association of Minnesota, and Amanda is currently performing with various groups in the Cedar Rapids area.



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