

## Rising Star of the Month



Jordynn began participating in MusicWorks music therapy sessions in May 2017 and has developed into an enthusiastic and very musical member of her peer group. She enjoys playing simple melodies on the piano and xylophone and practices at home. She plays favorite songs during MT sessions and shares her talents with her peers, adults present and the music therapists. She enjoys dancing with scarves, shaking egg shakers, improvising on the QChord synthesizer and playing the ocean drum. Jordynn is pictured making the sound of waves with an ocean drum as she swirls it in time to the music. She is very confident singing songs using the microphone, especially the A,B,C song. She has made many new friends and her Mom states that music therapy has definitely helped Jordynn at home, in school and in the community. We select Jordynn as our Rising Star of the Month as we celebrate her many accomplishments through music therapy.

**Jerry O'Leary, MA, MT-BC**  
**Director of Music Therapy, MusicWorks**

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**Join us for Comedy Night - January 26, 2019**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 26TH**

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# COMEDY NIGHT

STARRING

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Jimmy's clean, clever, observational humor has landed him on shows such as Comedy Central, A&E, ESPN II and PBS. He has also had the pleasure of entertaining our troops overseas and has flown with the Blue Angels.



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## Music Therapy Tip: Shake 'N Stop Activity

We use the Shake 'N Stop activity as a fun and engaging way to work on social interactions and communication skills. This intervention gives each child the chance to call "Stop cues" during the music activity, which the rest of the group follows. It encourages clients to work on listening to their peers and parents, maintaining continued focus and attention, sharing and waiting their turn. And this is all done while creating a unique musical experience using instruments and their voices. Instruments used in this music

therapy task are percussion eggs, jingle cubes, percussion animals, maracas, jingle bells, and tambourines. The goal of this task is to teach clients to "Stop" when they hear a parent or caregiver say this in a parking lot or in any place that may be considered unsafe.



**Jake Mauersberg, MT-BC**  
Music Therapist, MusicWorks

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## Music Therapy in the News



"When a child with autism can play the piano or sing a song, their brains may benefit, new research suggests." Read this article that describes many benefits of music and music therapy to a child with autism.

[For the full article, click here!](#)

**Schuyler Redden, MT-BC**  
Music Therapist, MusicWorks

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## MusicWorks: Thankful, Grateful and Blessed!

Back in August 2017, a Montgomery County foundation provided MusicWorks with the essential equipment to open our Hatboro Treatment Center. Last month, this same foundation gave MusicWorks funds to purchase additional computer equipment and music equipment.

This grant will give us the ability to serve more children and young adults at our Hatboro site. We look forward to working with more

*Thankful*  
*Grateful*  
*Blessed*

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## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, January 22, 2019**  
**Sensory Day at LEGOLAND!**  
**Plymouth Meeting Mall**  
**5:00 to 7:00 pm**

BRING the entire family. For this Sensory Event, LEGOLAND is offering a super, duper discount for children and adolescents up to age 17 on the autism spectrum and their families. Tickets at the lowest price offered at \$8.00 per person!

[For more information and tickets .....](#)

**Saturday, January 26, 2019**  
**MusicWorks Comedy Fundraiser**  
**Quality Inn & Suites, West Chester, PA**  
**7:30 pm to 10:30 pm**

Join MusicWorks to raise funds for Music Therapy Programs!  
A fun evening with Comedian Jimmy Carroll and Todd Chappelle of Reactors Comedy Club.  
Tickets \$20.00 per person!  
Raffle baskets and 50/50 tickets!

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**Saturday, May 4, 2019**  
**SAVE THE DATE for MusicWorks Annual Event**



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