

MusicWorks® *The Delaware Valley's Premier Music Therapy Service Provider*

Rising Star of the Month



Ryan began music therapy sessions at MusicWorks Hatboro in September 2018. He has become an energized, example-setting, and extremely musical member of his peer group. Ryan really shines during the creative scarf dances. He is a very rhythmic drummer, always ready to sing along with the music therapist during the Shake & Stop task, as well as the Hello and Goodbye songs. Ryan is pictured "rocking out" on the Tubano drum, one of his favorite activities. During music therapy sessions, Ryan has quickly made new friends and demonstrated great progress on his goals of focus and attention. Ryan's Dad says that he loves to practice music tasks at home. Dad has seen Ryan's improvement at home, school, and in the community. MusicWorks is pleased in selecting Ryan as our Rising Star of the Month for his steady progress in music therapy.

Jake Mauersberg, MT-BC
Music Therapist, MusicWorks

EITC Contributions



MusicWorks was grateful to accept an EITC Contribution from First Resource Bank. Donations from businesses this year will fund our Educational Improvement Organization initiative adding music therapy to Chichester School District's elementary school program for autistic support and emotional support classrooms. Pictured here is Glenn Marshall, President & CEO of First Resource Bank with Lori and Jerry O'Leary of MusicWorks! Thank you First Resource Bank for making a huge difference in the lives of these special students in Southern Delaware County.

Lori O'Leary, MBA
Executive Director, MusicWorks

Music Therapy Tip: Coming to Havertown Soon the Jingle Cube



A jingle qube is an innovative and wildly successful quadrangle shaker. It sounds like nothing else you've ever played. It can be played a variety of ways to produce a myriad of captivating sounds. Front-to-back, side-to-side and circular patterns all produce distinctive sounds that add a unique, tambouric flair to any performance. This instrument has been introduced at our Hatboro location and will soon be available for our Havertown clients. The jingle qube promotes coordination and timing,

fine and gross motor skills, focus and attention, and group dynamics.

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

Music Therapy in the News



Read about how world famous Conductor Jaap van Zweden used music to reach his son with autism. Benjamin, now 28 years old, learned to speak through music. "We would always sing for him children's songs, Jaap says, "and by accident we forgot one word and he got all excited. And we thought "oh maybe he's understanding actually what we are saying." The van Zwedens started leaving more words out their songs, telling Benjamin they'd only finish singing if he tried saying those missing words himself. Now, Benjamin not only speaks Dutch, he's also taught himself to speak some English.

[Entire article here](#)

Emily Byrnes, MT-BC
Music Therapist, MusicWorks



Thank You to Vanguard Volunteers

Yesterday, on Super Bowl Sunday, four Vanguard employees used their Volunteer Time Off hours to help MusicWorks organize and clean out our archives. Liz, Meghan, Sarah and Chelsea worked for hours filing and shredding. And yes, we all left in time to watch the game!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 19, 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](#)

Thursday, April 25, 2019
DCIU Autism Resource Fair
Marple Education Center
85 N. Malin Road Broomall, PA
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Obtain valuable information and meet professionals who provide supports and services to students diagnosis with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.



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

MAY THE MUSIC BE WITH YOU

An evening filled with friendship and fun to benefit music therapy programs at MusicWorks.

Held at DiFabio's Spring Valley, 400 W. Woodland Avenue
Springfield, PA 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

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