

## Rising Stars of the Month



Brothers Brian and Sean have been attending music therapy with MusicWorks since 2015. Their love for music has been present since their first session and it always shines within sessions. Music is a great motivator for both and has assisted in increasing their social skills and self-expression. Movement activities have always been a favorite of both Brian and Sean as they set a wonderful example for their peers with their enthusiastic dance steps and bright smiles. They have had the opportunity to play a large variety of instrument and each of the boys has naturally gravitated to the piano as a favorite to engage with. Brian and Sean enjoy the intimacy of improvising on the keyboard and love getting positive feedback from the adults and peers present in their sessions. Every week is a pleasure to work with these fine young men. MusicWorks appreciates their dedication to the program and their avid love for making music with others. Congratulations Brian and Sean, our first Rising Stars for the New Year 2020.

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

## Grant Funding

*The Huston Foundation, a regional, national and international philanthropy is committed to serving Protestant Evangelical Christian needs worldwide and secular purposes regionally, through its grant making, as an investment in humanitarian needs.*

The Huston Foundation has been a friend to MusicWorks for many years! This year MusicWorks has received grant funding to provide financial assistance to expand music therapy services to adults ages 21 - 65 who struggle with autism and intellectual disabilities. THANK YOU HUSTON!

**Lori O'Leary, MBA**  
Executive Director

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## Music Therapy Tip: Joia Tubes

Joia tubes are used in music therapy sessions to encourage our clients to improvise rhythms and melodies along with pre-recorded and live music. In order to play the tubes, wooden mallets are used to strike each note and the tubes are arranged on a modern stand in the layout of a piano keyboard. When clients engage in playing Joia tubes, they are using gross motor skills (upper body and whole body motion), hand to eye coordination, listening skills, social interaction skills with other clients (sharing, taking turns and supporting each other) and music improvisation skills. And, the most important thing is that they are learning and reinforcing these skills while having, "FUN!"



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

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## In the News ....



A colleague of ours shared this article and we all loved the idea!

See how Shop Rite supermarkets helped transform 53,000 square feet of commercial space into a new village in Livingston, New Jersey to help children with special needs learn everyday life skills designed just for them.

[For FULL Shoprite Article click here!](#)

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

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## Thank You to Friends that have Contributed to our #GivingTuesday and Annual Campaign

Your support will help a child or young adult on financial assistance.



Your support will assist us in developing a new program.

Your support will allow us to purchase new instrumentation.

Your support is INVALUABLE to MusicWorks!

THANK YOU

From the team at MusicWorks

## Upcoming Events

### MUSICWORKS COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

January 25, 2020, Doors open 7:30 pm  
Show 8:30 to 10:30 pm  
Timothy's Lionville, Exton, PA  
Tickets only \$20/person

[BUY TICKETS HERE](#)

Last year's event was SOLD OUT!



### 10th Annual Music & Miracles *ALL THAT JAZZ*

MusicWorks Annual Event  
March 28, 2020, 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm  
DiFabio's Spring Valley, Springfield, PA

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