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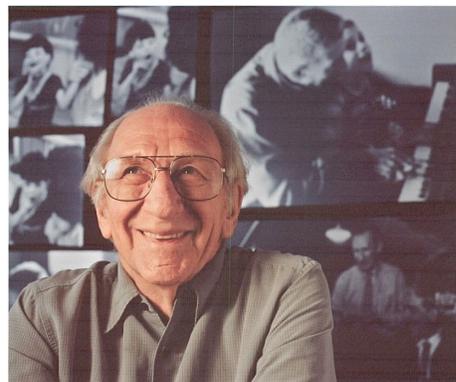
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Benefit Concert with A Special Guest, Dr. Clive Robbins, from Nordoff-Robbins Center for Music Therapy in New York

Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. will host the 6th annual benefit concert, “**Sounds of Joy**” on **Sunday, January 18, 2009**. The concert starts at **2:30pm** and will be held at newly renovated **Fuller Hall** located in the **downtown YWCA**. Light refreshments will be served. This year’s concert features an extraordinary guest, **Dr. Clive Robbins**, who is considered as the founder of modern music therapy. Dr. Robbins began collaborating with **Paul Nordoff** in pioneering a creative approach to music therapy in 1959. His clinical innovations, writings, musical compositions, and teaching have earned him international recognition, notably for his commitment to high standards of creativity and musicianship in clinical practice. At **New York University** he holds the position of Adjunct Clinical Professor and is the Founding Director of the **Nordoff-Robbins Center for Music Therapy**. It is Dr. Robbins’ first visit to Hawaii, and our organization feels so sure that Hawaii’s people will be blessed by his discussion and his witness of thousands of people touched and changed by the power of music in his half-century-long clinical journey with music



therapy. Along with Dr. Robbins, our respected award-winning local musician and teacher, **Mr. Ozzie Kotani**, will perform his beautiful, heartwarming music on his guitar. A senior ukulele group from Waiālae Baptist Church will also join the concert; and, Sounding Joy will showcase some of our talented clients. In addition, Hawaii’s professional ceramists will hold a **silent auction** to raise funds for music therapy. This event will truly be the corroboration of art, music and humanity. **Suggested donation** for the event is **\$20** in order for us to raise funds for music therapy services. For more info, call 593-2620, or visit our website: www.soundingjoymt.org

Sounding Joy Launches A New Program: “Music For You” - Therapeutic Musical Instruction

Starting January 2009, Sounding Joy will provide anyone interested in learning and making music with therapeutic musical instruction, called “**Music For You**”, in a small group setting at our clinic. No previous musical training or skills are needed, and complete beginners, people with special needs and senior citizens are also very welcomed. Music therapists will teach the classes for piano, guitar, ukulele, percussion and voice.



and a Certified Harp Therapist will teach harp in a very relaxing atmosphere. Sounding Joy will provide the instrument, if you don’t have one. Lessons are weekly, and these classes are designed to closely meet each student’s level of learning and interests. This program aims at achieving every student’s success in terms of **gaining new skills, self-confidence, having fun time, sharing music with others, and ultimately enriching everyone’s life through music**. The entrance interview is required for all applicants for the purpose of proper student placement in the class. The cost is \$20 per lesson for each student. Please contact: Yoshimi at 593-2620, or email info@soundingjoymt.org for the details.

A Music Therapy Introduction Class will start at Hawaii Pacific University in Spring 2009

As a result of our discussion with **Hawaii Pacific University** regarding a music therapy degree program, **Ms. Bonnie Chan**, Board Certified Music Therapist, will teach an introductory course, "**Music Therapy: Theory & Practice**", starting January 2009. This 3-credit course provides an overview of the theory & evidence-based practice of music therapy. It also includes hands-on experience and observation of actual clinical work,

offered by Sounding Joy. The credits are transferable to music therapy degree programs offered on the mainland upon the approval by the university to which you are transferring. Our organization hopes this development will be the first step to ease the burden of local individuals who are seriously considering becoming music therapists. Please see the attached flyer, contact Bonnie at bonnie.chan@doh.hawaii.gov or call Sounding Joy at 593-2620 for any inquiries.

Severe Funding Cut Forecasted in 2009, Asking for Your Support to Save Music Therapy in Hawaii

MORE THAN EVER, Sounding Joy is asking for your generous support in this season to save music therapy for the sake of Hawaii's people. As you may know, the Department of Humans Services is planning to **eliminate our grants for Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF) programs**, due to the shrinking State budget. Sounding Joy currently is the only organization in Hawaii to provide music therapy services through credentialed music therapists. When this funding is cut,

most of Hawaii's people will lose opportunities to receive music therapy unless they personally pay for the services. This is a serious situation, and people's future and our organization's survival are at stake. Therefore, **please join our "Save Music Therapy" campaign, making donations of any amount** (fully tax-deductible) to Sounding Joy. No amount is too small; even one dollar to us is so precious and huge! You may also donate on-line at www.soundingjoymt.org Mahalo nui!

Serving Our Community

From 8/11 to 8/13, music therapy resources were shared at **International Conference on Diverse Abilities & Innovative Supports** at the Dole Cannery, Honolulu. On 9/16, Keiko, Karen, Yoshimi, Laurie from **Kahala Nui**, and Bruce from **AARP** co-presented at **15th Biennial Conference by Hawaii Pacific**



Gerontological Society at Hawaii Convention Center. On 10/1, Yoshimi gave music therapy workshop to



students at UH Manoa. On 10/17, Keiko and Karen gave music therapy presentation at **Neurotrauma Conference**

hosted by **Brain Injury Association of Hawaii** in Ala Moana Hotel. On 11/12, Keiko Karen, Bonnie, Yoshimi provided **Hawaii Pacific University's faculties** with music therapy in-service in conjunction with the MT intro class scheduled to start in January 2009.

Changes in Staff

Sounding Joy is very happy to have our newest music therapist, **Ms. Teresa Galacia**, on-board, who replaces Mr. Jay Koseki, our former music therapist. She has relocated from the mainland together with her husband, who was born and raised in Hawaii. Besides being a Board Certified Music Therapist, she also is a certified "Music Together" instructor, and holds a Master's degree in Theology. Welcome Terrie!

Sounding Joy Needs

to upgrade **computers and monitors** in our office. If you have spare computers running recent Windows or Mac versions preferably with DVD burners or flat computer monitors you can donate, please contact us. We also need some **kid's chairs** to use in our sessions. For donations, call our office at 593-2620.

Upcoming Events...

- **Sunday, January 18, 2:30pm, The 6th Annual Benefit Concert, "Sounds of Joy"**, held at Fuller Hall, YWCA of O'ahu, featuring **Dr. Clive Robbins**, Co-Founder, Nordoff-Robbins Center for Music Therapy in New York, and **Mr. Ozzie Kotani**, the Hawaii's respected slack-key guitarist and teacher, joined by Sounding Joy's clients, local artists and professional ceramists for a **silent auction**.
- **Spring 2009, "Music Therapy: Theory & Practice"**, MUS1830, taught by Ms. Bonnie Chan, MA, MT-BC, at Hawaii Pacific University. For more info, email: bonnie.chan@doh.hawaii.gov or call us.
- **Spring 2009, "Music as Therapy" on-line course**, MUS 170, taught by Dr. Arthur Harvey at Kapiolani Community College. For more info, visit: <http://www.musicforhealthservices.com>

For event information, please call Keiko at (808) 593-2620, email or visit our website. Thank you!

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