



# I've Got the Music In Me: Using Music As Therapy in Everyday Living

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# Overview of Music Therapy

- Definition
- Qualifications
- Difference between professional MT and personal use of music as therapy

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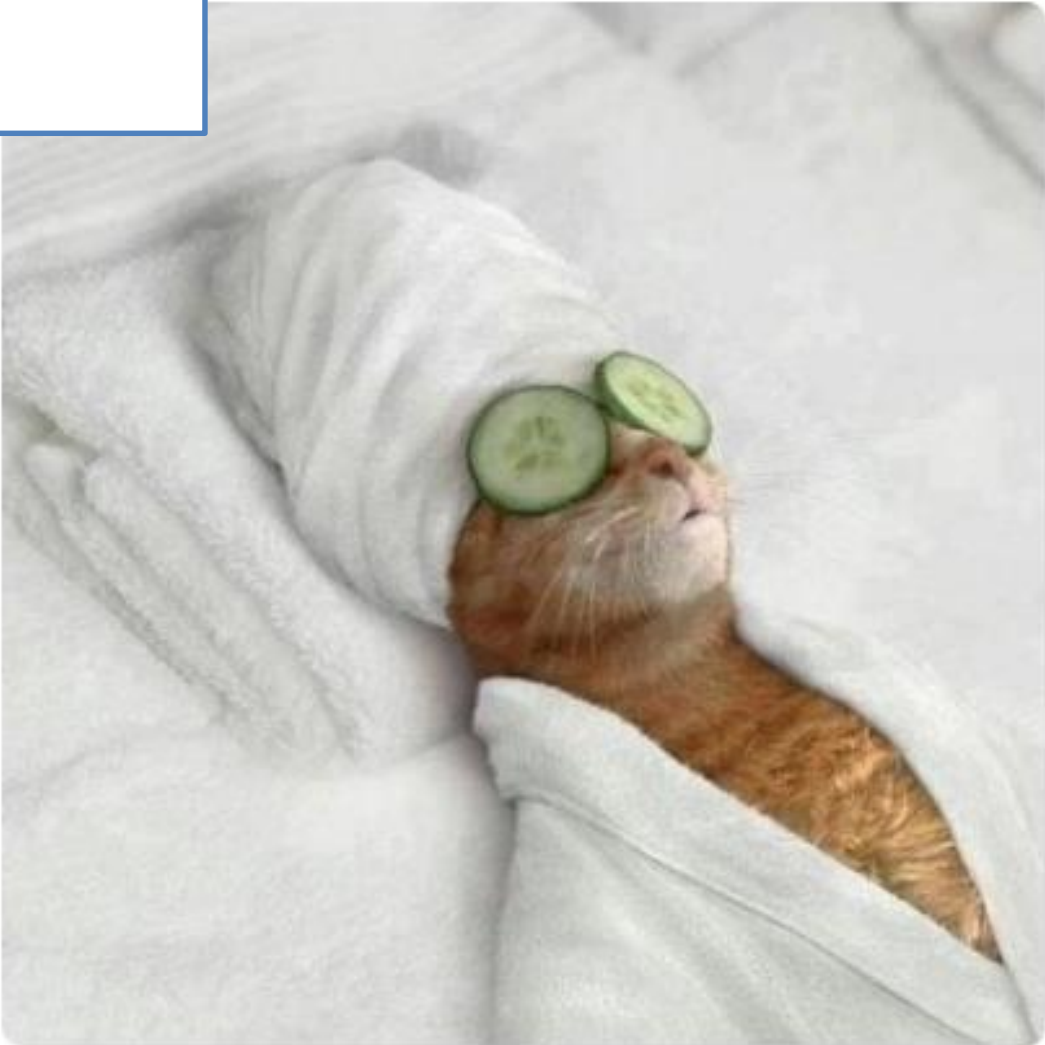
Energy Alteration

## Using Music To Boost Energy

- Incentive to Initiate Movement
  - Motivation to Maintain
    - Disassociation through music diverts the mind
    - Music Promotes flow states for internal motivation
  - Synchronized music movements can shift your level or workout
  - Music evokes emotions that enrich your enjoyment
  - Music Making for Intentional Movement
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Relaxation

#2



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# Music to Slow Things Down

- Benefits of Preferred Music

Helpful Pairings for Listening  
Breathing Exercises  
Imagery/Relaxation Script  
Drawing

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Music and Recall

# Music For Cognitive Stimulation

- Effect of Music on Memory
  - Procedural
  - Emotional
- Songs can help us remember
- Songs can represent us

# This Song Brings Back Memories of...

- ❖ *My Parent*
- ❖ *My First Love*
- ❖ *My First Heartbreak*
- ❖ *Being Away From Home for the First Time*
- ❖ *A Job*
- ❖ *A Marriage*
- ❖ *A Child*
- ❖ *Home*



# Using Music To Connect To Others

- Music for Self Expression
  - Reflection of Our Current Mood
  - Jumping off Place for Deeper Conversations
  - Music as Expression With Others
    - Improvisation
    - Drumming
    - Singing/Vocalizing



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A Gift From the Heart

# Songwriting As Legacy

- Why Create a Music Legacy?

Something to Remember Us By

Validation of Self-worth

Sharing of Feelings, Regrets, Hopes

Opportunity for Collaboration

## Hands And Heart

*Hands and heart, I Love you  
Hands and heart, I miss you  
Hands and heart, I thank you  
For everything you've done.*

*Hands and heart, could you hold me?  
Hands and heart, could you sing to me?  
Hands and heart, Let your love bring me home.*



## Resources

### ***Adaptive Instruments***

(Remo Paddle drums, adaptive mallets, etc) [www.westmusic.com](http://www.westmusic.com)

### ***Deep Breathing Exercises***

Andrew Weill exercise descriptions and demo:

<http://www.drweil.com/drw/u/ART00521/three-breathing-exercises.html>

### ***Relaxation Scripts and MP3s***

<http://www.the-guided-meditation-site.com/relaxation-script.html>

### ***Music and Memory***

Film: Alive Inside: A Story of Music and Memory

### ***Instruments for Improvisation***

Reverie Harp (Music Makers): [www.harpkit.com](http://www.harpkit.com)

Qchord

### ***Legacy Workbooks***

<https://celebrationsoflife.net>

# Name That Song/Performer

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