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Happy New Year!

May this year be one of renewal and much happiness!

The World Federation Council worked diligently in 2021 to promote music therapy throughout the world, and we are looking forward to advancing our profession in this new year. Be on the lookout for additional online offerings and more robust networks to respond to crises around the world. Of course, we are also looking forward to July 2023 when we will gather together in Vancouver for the 17th World Congress of Music Therapy. The congress website will be released soon.

More immediately on our horizon is the World Music Therapy Day 2022 on March 1. We invite you to start your preparations now for online or in person events. The annual photo contest will open January 21st. The **World Music Therapy Day Photograph Criteria** are as follows

Originality – How unique the photo is, including use of original images or original editing of images. Remember to ensure that existing images used are available for reuse without any copyright infringement.

Level of Insight – The extent to which a photo conveys accurate music therapy facts to the public.

Importance – The relevance of the issue addressed by the photo to music therapy awareness and advocacy around the world.

Aesthetic Impact – The extent to which a photograph not only commands the attention of the viewer, but also impacts their thoughts, emotions, and curiosity.

Submissions shall be sent to northamerica@wfmt.info. The winner will be announced February 27, 2022.

Members may continue to submit relevant music to be broadcast on World Music Therapy Day 2022. Please send a sample song to president@wfmt.info by January 20, 2022 (deadline extended). I will then be in touch with further details.

Additional events will be announced closer to the date. Please use the hashtag #WorldMusicTherapyDay when posting online so others can search, share, and retweet easily.

Wishing you many blessings in 2022!
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