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Jury of the 'New Therapy Instruments' competition at Musikmesse 2019 chosen

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Messe Frankfurt and the German Music Therapy Society (DMtG) are holding the first competition to find the best instruments for therapeutic use at Musikmesse 2019 (2 to 5 April). Instrument makers, artists and music therapists are invited to enter their concepts for the 'New Therapeutic Instruments' competition. A six-person jury, which the organisers are now pleased to announce, will select the winners.

The jury comprises professionals from the fields of music therapy, education, industry and trade, as well as a representative of Messe Frankfurt. In making their choice, the jury members will take account of criteria such as originality, design, manageability and the potential for therapeutic use. The competition will honour not only hand-made therapeutic instruments but also new digital applications, such as music apps.

The members of the jury of the 'New Therapeutic Instruments' competition:

- Elka Aurora, music therapist, musician, DMtG – regional representative for Hesse / Rhineland Palatinate / Saarland, Frankfurter Working Group for Music Therapy (FAMT)
- Volker Bernius, DMtG, Editor-in-Chief, 'Musiktherapeutische Umschau' magazine
- Michael Biber, Group Show Director 'Entertainment, Media & Creative Industries', Messe Frankfurt Exhibition GmbH
- Caspar Harbeke, proprietor of the 'Allton Manufaktur und Vertrieb für Musikinstrumente' musical-instrument manufacturing and sales company
- Prof. Thomas Keemss, SRH University Heidelberg, music therapy department, professor for percussion, rhythm education and improvisation, professor at the University of Music Saar, Saarbrücken
- Dr Walter Wehrhan, Editor-in-Chief, Musical Merchant magazine

The awards ceremony will be held at the Forum Music Education, Room 'Spektrum', at 12.00 on Friday, 5 April.

The closing date for submitting prototypes, including product information, is **28 February 2019**. Full details about entering can be found at www.musiktherapie.de/verband/instrumentenwettbewerb.

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Ludwig-Erhard-Anlage 1
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Musikmesse in Frankfurt am Main opens its doors from 2 to 5 April 2019.
Further information at www.musikmesse.com.

Background information on Messe Frankfurt

Messe Frankfurt is the world's largest trade fair, congress and event organiser with its own exhibition grounds. With over 2,500* employees at 30 locations, the company generates annual sales of around €715* million. Thanks to its far-reaching ties with the relevant sectors and to its international sales network, the Group looks after the business interests of its customers effectively. A comprehensive range of services – both onsite and online – ensures that customers worldwide enjoy consistently high quality and flexibility when planning, organising and running their events. The wide range of services includes renting exhibition grounds, trade fair construction and marketing, personnel and food services.

With its headquarters in Frankfurt am Main, the company is owned by the City of Frankfurt (60 percent) and the State of Hesse (40 percent).

Further information is available at: www.messefrankfurt.com

* provisional figures 2018

Background information about the German Music Therapy Society

The German Music Therapy Society (*Deutsche Musiktherapeutische Gesellschaft – DMtG*) is the biggest specialist and professional association for music therapists in Germany. The association is committed to ensuring that music therapy becomes anchored in the country's health-care system. Obligatory training and quality standards ensure that patients enjoy the best possible support and protection – an important aspect given the lack of any statutory regulations governing the profession. Therefore, the specialist and professional association is also committed to ensuring that music therapy is recognised by the medical-insurance system as an approved therapy. On the basis of recognised scientific evidence of its positive effects, music therapy is already a component part of numerous medical guidelines, e.g., dementia, stroke, psychosocial therapies, etc. Further information: www.musiktherapie.de

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