

Music Therapy Ride raises over \$65,000

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Last weekend's Music Therapy Ride was a roaring success.

Organizers announced Friday that the 12th annual motorcycle ride that took place Sept. 14 between Vancouver and Whistler raised over \$65,000 for music therapy programs across B.C. The ride included over 100 riders, including special celebrity guest Dan Mangan.

Money from this year's ride will help promote and maintain the Bandwagon program, which makes mobile recording studios accessible to hospitals and retirement homes across the province for six-week residencies.

"We're really happy that so many people were supportive," Music Therapy Ride co-founder Patrick Zulinov said in a phone interview. "It seems to be getting bigger and better every year." "We'd like to break the \$75,000 mark next year," he added, saying that selling out the riding spots is never a problem but that he would like to see a few more corporate sponsors chip in.

To date, the yearly event has generated over \$600,000 for the Canadian Music Therapy Trust Fund in partnership with the Music Heals Foundation.

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