MTABC
Music Therapy Association of BC

In Tune

The Music Therapy Association of British Columbia (MTABC) celebrates our valuable community of supporters

Happy Holidays!

On behalf of the MTABC, we extend our warmest wishes to you this holiday season.
Thank you for your continued support and for walking alongside us as we strengthen and celebrate the field of music therapy in BC. We are deeply grateful for all you do, and we wish you a joyful, peaceful, and restorative holiday season!



Rifflandia Music Festival
Image Source: Sheila Lee

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2025 Highlights



Rifflandia Music Festival
Image Source: Supriya Crocker

Rifflandia Music Festival: September 2025

MTABC partied with music-lovers of all ages at Vancouver Island's largest outdoor music festival. From hearing teens singing karaoke to seeing toddlers dancing with their parents in the Kidlandia tent, everyone had a blast.

- Music Therapist Supriya Crocker, MTA, led a songwriting session on the Main Stage!
- The kids were so excited to win guitars from our raffle! Thank you to an anonymous donor who donated numerous guitars.

October 2025: The Strike a Chord gala raised over $500,000 this year to support music therapy programs throughout BC and across Canada. Wow! Thank you Music Heals!

Strike a Chord gala
Image Source: Katherine Deane



MTABC Conference: October 2025

Our conference, "Modulations: Connecting Legacy and Innovations in Practice," was a great success thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and the hard work of our conference committee. We were thrilled to have Dr. Barbara Wheeler as our keynote speaker. Congratulations to the raffle winners below!







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FACTBC: Moving Towards Regulation

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- July 17 2025: BC government declared “psychotherapy” will be designated under the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC (CHCPBC).
- Music therapy may qualify to be a part of this new college under the psychotherapy designation and, in turn, become a regulated profession. Government regulation protects the public and increases the confidence of third-party payers.
- April 1, 2026: The current Health Professional Act (HPA) will be replaced by the Health Professions and Occupations Act (HPOA).

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Closing Words



Image Source: Stephen Williams

After 35 years of teaching in and coordinating the Bachelor of Music Therapy program at Capilano University, Stephen Williams retired this August. Reflecting on his career and the profession, he says "Music therapy has been a rewarding calling for me, first as a music therapy clinician working with children, adults, and the elderly, then as a music therapy educator teaching others on their journey to become music therapists. It has been exciting to see this profession grow in size, reputation, and scope, but even more thrilling to have been a part of that journey."

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MTABC would like to thank our public relations committee members Tiana Dick and Ian Wright whose time and energy made “In Tune” possible.