

Music Therapy Expo Planned at SWOSU

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The Oklahoma Music Therapists and Southwestern Oklahoma State University Music Therapy Student Association are planning a Music Therapy Awareness Expo on February 20 on the SWOSU campus in Weatherford.

The expo will be held from 4-5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom. Vendors and participants are invited to attend.

Dr. Sophia Lee, director of the music therapy program at SWOSU, said poster and video presentations by participating Oklahoma music therapists will focus on the clinical applications of music therapy in early intervention, pediatric medicine & adolescent acute physical rehabilitation, adult physical rehabilitation, psychiatrics, developmental disabilities, at-risk youth, long-term care, hospice, and private practice.

Participants will also experience the power of music therapy via Drum Circle, an active music making technique of music therapy, facilitated by SWOSU music therapy graduate and Remo Endorsed Drumming Facilitator Todd Balcom.

“This is especially a wonderful opportunity for high school students interested in pursuing music therapy as a career,” Lee said.

Vendors participating in the event include: The Children’s Center of Bethany; Integris Baptists Healthcare of Oklahoma City—Jim Thorpe Rehabilitation Center; Integris Bass Healthcare Center of Enid—Meadowlake Behavior Center; Northern Oklahoma Resource Center of Enid; Rise School of Stillwater; SWOSU Music Therapy Clinic; and Jennifer Voss, NMT, MT-BC. The event is sponsored by the SWOSU Department of Music.

SWOSU has the only music therapy program in the state of Oklahoma, accredited by the National Association of School of Music and American Music Therapy Association. SWOSU graduates since 2002 have a 100% passing rate on the National Board Certification Exam for Music Therapists.

For additional information about the expo, contact Lee at 580.774.3218.