

SWOSU Celebrating Music Therapy Awareness Week with Wednesday Expo

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Music Therapy Awareness Week 2016 is being celebrated through this Friday, February 26, on the Weatherford campus with the highlight being an awareness expo on Wednesday.

The 9th annual Music Therapy Awareness Expo will be held Wednesday from 4-5 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom. Everyone is invited and admission is free.

Dr. ChihChen Sophia Lee, MT-BC, director of the music therapy program at SWOSU, said participants will experience the power of music therapy via Drum Circle, an active music making technique of music therapy, facilitated by SWOSU music therapy students. Musicians of melodic instruments are encouraged to bring their instruments along for the experience.

Upper class music therapy students will showcase their clinical practices in early intervention, pediatric medicine, school-age children and adolescents with special needs, adolescent acute physical rehabilitation, at-risk youth adult physical rehabilitation, women and children experiencing domestic violence, and geriatrics via oral and poster presentations. Students actively involved in Yu-Ling Chen's Applied Life Story Musical (ALSM), an organized research project sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, will also report. .

The activities are organized by the SWOSU Music Therapy Student Association (SWOSU-MTSA) in conjunction with February being the national Music Therapy Month grass root celebration month.

SWOSU has the longest standing music therapy undergraduate and equivalency/certification programs in the state of Oklahoma (approved by the former National Association for Music Therapy in 1981) and is accredited by the National Association of School of Music and American Music Therapy Association. SWOSU graduates since 2002 have a near 100% passing rate on the National Board Certification Exam for Music Therapists. There are over 50 students currently in the SWOSU music therapy program.

For additional information about the expo and music therapy degree plans, contact Lee at (580) 774-3218.