



Press release

Musikmesse Frankfurt and the German Music Therapy Society (DMtG)

'New Therapy Instruments' competition 2019

New instruments are continuously being developed in the field of music therapy. For example, instruments with an extraordinary sound or instruments for specific target groups, e.g., for inclusive work or music therapy in the neurological field. There have also been numerous new ideas for use with digital instruments over the past few years.

Against this background, Musikmesse Frankfurt and the German Music Therapy Society (*Deutsche Musiktherapeutische Gesellschaft – DMtG*) have joined forces to hold a new competition – 'New Therapy Instruments' – for the coming year.

Who is the competition aimed at?

Instrument makers, instrument manufacturers, artists and music therapists are invited to develop and implement ideas for new instruments and sounds.

What is being looked for?

The competition aims to find instruments, sound materials and aids suitable for use in the multifarious areas of music therapy because

- they are light and can be used without any prior knowledge and actively generate enthusiasm for music with users,
- their special simulative nature encourages people to make music together,
- they produce new sounds that trigger impressive experiences or bring back memories of past experiences,
- they open new opportunities for people with impairments.

The deadline for receipt of prototypes, including product information on max. 2 A4 pages, is 31 January 2019

An expert jury of music therapists, musicians and instrument makers will select the most successful works from the entries. Decisive for the judging are criteria such as originality, design, ease of use and potential for therapeutic use.

The awards ceremony will be held during Musikmesse in April 2019.

The winner can look forward to start-up funding of € 2,000 for prototype development because it is frequently a long way from the prototype stage to production start. The second and third placed entries will have the opportunity to place free advertisements in the 'Musiktherapeutische Umschau' magazine.





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