



Music & the Brain: Research Across the Lifespan
NIH/Kennedy Center Initiative
January 26th and 27th, 2017

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Thursday, January 26th

8:00 – 8:20 **Opening remarks:** Francis Collins, Renée Fleming, and Deborah Rutter

8:20 – 8:30 **Introductory remarks:** Bob Finkelstein and Emmeline Edwards

8:30 – 9:30 **Plenary Lectures:**
Making Sense of Sound for Communication and Brain Health -- Nina Kraus
Advancing the Science of Music Therapy in Healthcare -- Sheri Robb

Session 1: “Building”: Music and the Child’s Brain

9:30 – 10:15 **Overview:** John Iversen

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:15 **Panel Discussion:** Enhancing Brain Development During Childhood
Panelists: *Steven Holochwost (Moderator)*, John Iversen, Nina Kraus, Psyche
Loui, Laurel Trainor

11:15 – 11:40 Q&A / Participant Discussion

11:40 – 12:25 **Panel Discussion:** Music and Music Therapy: Autism and Pediatric Cancer
Panelists: *Nim Tottenham (Moderator)*, Christian Gold, Isabel Peretz, Sheri Robb,
Laurel Trainor

12:25 – 12:50 Q&A / Participant Discussion

12:50 – 1:50 Lunch

Session 2: “Engaging”: Music and the Adult Brain

1:50 – 2:35 **Overview:** Robert Zatorre

2:35 – 3:20 **Panel Discussion:** Enhancing Brain Function during Adulthood
Panelists: *Aniruddh Patel (Moderator)*, Charles Limb, Josh McDermott, Xiaoqin
Wang, Robert Zatorre

3:20 – 3:45 Q&A / Participant Discussion

3:45 – 4:00 Break

4:00 – 4:45 **Panel Discussion:** Music and Music Therapy: Chronic Pain, Anxiety, and Depression
Panelists: *Joke Bradt (Moderator)*, Kevin LaBar, Deforia Lane, Psyche Loui,
Ed Roth



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4:45 – 5:10 Q&A / Participant Discussion

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Session 3: “Sustaining”: Music and the Aging Brain

8:30 – 9:15 **Overview:** Michael Thaut

9:15 – 10:00 **Panel Discussion:** Maintaining Brain Function in Older Individuals
Panelists: *Charles Limb (Moderator)*, Brenda Hanna-Pladdy, Julene Johnson,
Nina Kraus, Michael Thaut

10:00 – 10:25 Q&A / Participant Discussion

10:25 – 10:40 Break

10:40 – 11:25 **Panel Discussion:** Music and Music Therapy: Parkinson’s disease, Stroke, Alzheimer’s
disease, and Dementia
Panelists: *Julene Johnson (Moderator)*, Gay Hanna, Aniruddh Patel, Gottfried
Schlaug, Elizabeth Stegemoller, Concetta Tomaino

11:25 – 11:50 Q&A / Participant Discussion

Session 4: Wrap Up, Next Steps, Looking Forward

11:50 – 1:00 Working lunch

11:50 – 12:25 **Meeting Wrap-up:** Gottfried Schlaug

12:25 – 1:00 **Group discussion of recommendations**

1:00 – 1:10 **Next steps:** Emmeline Edwards and Bob Finkelstein

1:10 – 1:30 **Concluding Remarks / Looking Forward:** Francis Collins, Renée Fleming, and
Deborah Rutter