

Hello everyone!

My name is Hubert, and I am a volunteer high school student who will be helping out with the music hour recaps for the summer. It is such a pleasure to be a part of the music hour, and I am looking forward to getting to know you all better!

CI Music Hour Recap 6/30/22

Last week, we were able to hear from Johanna Boyer: a Med-EI musicologist, singer-songwriter, and CI user. We began the music hour by listening to how she helps clinicians and scientists all around the world conducting music research and creating resources for children, adults, and professionals. Johanna's mission is to increase awareness and education on cochlear implants and music; she has held several workshops and lectures all around the world.

Then, we were introduced to the Med-EI Music Festival: Sound Sensation. It is a free and in-person/remote international festival for CI users, caregivers, and professions in October. We were invited to participate in a virtual choir and band for the festival singing Beethoven's "Ode to Joy." Recordings are due by July 31st and you may participate using any instrument and may record as a group. Johanna also emphasized that the virtual choir and band is not about achieving perfection but about building up a community of music-lovers. (More information will be linked below.) We were also lucky enough to hear about Johanna's work hosting choir workshops for hearing implant users and were even able to hear one of her past classes perform "This Little Light of Mine."

Then, Johanna gave us some tips on singing in tune; placing sound forward in the mouth, doing breath control exercises, working on vowel placement and formation, and choosing songs that fit in your range will all help with singing in tune. Lastly, we heard about Med-EI resources, which will be linked below, and listened to a song by CI user Ray Louis Smith called "The Lark in the Morning."

Med-EI Music Festival:

<https://www.medel.com/press-room/press-details/2022/05/24/sound-sensation-festival>

Virtual Choir and Band Sign-Up:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LwnbpZPI63cAsMJYO8YW9-VooBvXyIFNQOiog8KhA_U/edit?usp=sharing

Med-EI Resources:

- [Rehab Resources](#)
- [Blog](#)
- [Spotify Playlists](#)

Best Wishes,
Hubert

Next Week's CI Music Hour 7/15/22

For next week's music hour, we will be welcoming music and movement educator Dawn Pratson, who is hosting a session called "Eurythmics: the music in movement." We hope to see you all there!