

Hello everyone!

CI Music Hour Recap 3/23/23

Last week we welcomed musicologist, Johanna Boyer, from MED-EL. Johanna introduced us to a music training software called Meludia which has partnered with MED-EL in the effort to make online music training more accessible for cochlear implant users. We looked at the website together and learned about the five areas of music training that are covered in the program: rhythm, melody, harmonic density, note spatialization, and chord quality. The music training software is built to be accessible for cochlear implant users of all musical background and breaks down music training exercises down into beginner through expert levels.

We tried out a couple of the exercises together as a group including the note spatialization and harmonic stability exercises. According to a recent study that Johanna conducted among cochlear implant users who used this training tool, all participants were able to complete the first level of each of the categories included in the music training program. Some categories, such as chord quality and harmonic density became more difficult for CI users as the levels increased.

If you'd like to try a free trial with Meludia, you can set up an account here:

<https://www.meludia.com/>. I have also attached Johanna's research paper to this email for those who are interested in reading it. If you missed last week's Music Hour, you can watch the recording here:

 [video1783665905 2.mp4](#)

Tomorrow's CI Music Hour 3/30/23

Tomorrow we will welcome Dr. Chris Combest who will teach us all about the Euphonim! You can read more about him here:

<https://mtsu.edu/faculty/chris-combest>

Other Announcements

The following links were shared by our past Music Hour guest, Mat Britain, who introduced us to the steel pan. If you are interested in watching more virtual performances with this instrument, check out the links below!

Pete Seeger "Music from Oil Drums": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PM7JjNwKg3s>

Pangelic Duo "The Water is Wide": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yVWOXoosYKY>

Britain Moore Duo "Ain't No Sunshine": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JtI5WZ4Roeo>

Vanderbilt Steel 'Dores Spring Concert, **Sunday, April 18th, 8pm (central)**:

<https://vandy.link/blair/041623>

See you all tomorrow!

Julianne