

## International Press Release

# The Science of Music Meets the Art of Medicine - ARIMM 3rd Annual Conference at IPFW, September 12-13, 2008

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FORT WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 7 /PRNewswire/ -- The Alliance for Research in Music Medicine, Inc. (ARIMM) announced today its 3rd annual international conference will be held September 12-13, 2008, at the Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) campus.

For online registration and more information, visit the web site <http://www.a4rimm.org/>

"This year's conference theme is 'Music and Medicine: Composing the Science of Healing,'" says Dr. Angela LaSalle, the co-founder and Chairman of the Board for ARIMM. "We have organized an innovative conference designed to promote conversation among the Science and Music disciplines. Starting with a review of quantum physics and moving through the latest trends in medicine and music therapy, we will be building a bridge to show how attention to the relationship of the body's response to music can lead us to the next wave of medical therapies. Attendees can participate in panel discussions, network with our speakers, and hear the latest research on how music can impact inflammation, chronic disease and learn new treatment strategies."

"The goal of this conference is to gather knowledge from all disciplines and build the research tools we need to find innovative solutions to today's health issues. All disciplines and levels of study are welcome. Whether you are a scientist, clinician, technician, performer, student, or just love music, we invite you to participate in our forum of presentations, panel discussions and brainstorming sessions. We seek research ideas that explore the healing effects of sound and music. We hope to find the scientific basis for the effect that music can have on the disease process," says Dr. LaSalle.

The ARIMM 2008 Conference is co-sponsored and hosted by the IPFW Department of Music. The 2006 and 2007 conferences were held at the University of Arizona.

This year's keynote speaker, Claude Swanson, Ph.D., physicist and author, will begin the conference with a view of quantum physics that will launch a musical journey into the biochemistry and physiology of the human body. Designed to bridge the gap between science and music, this conference will challenge the boundaries that separate the disciplines and will bring the science of creativity back to the art of medicine.

### About ARIMM

The Alliance for Research in Music Medicine, Inc., is a non-profit organization. It began in 2005 as a collaborative research effort joining the music departments of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) and the University of Arizona. ARIMM provides a forum for scientific, medical, music, and computer science professionals and students to discuss and apply the scientific and mathematical relationships of music to the questions regarding cellular communication, diagnosis, and treatment of medical issues.

For more information about ARIMM, email the organization at [info@a4rimm.org](mailto:info@a4rimm.org).

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