

LPPHC's Benson honored by peers for work in music therapy

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Tom Benson

Longtime UC San Francisco music and rehabilitation therapist Tom Benson, MT-BC [2], has been chosen by the Western Region chapter of the American Music Therapy Association (WRAMTA) as the recipient of its 2018 Betty Isern Howery Award [3] in recognition of his work and impact on his patients. He formally received the honor during the chapter's annual meeting last week in Ontario, Calif.

Bestowed annually since 1991, the award is WRAMTA's highest honor and is given to those embodying the qualities and values demonstrated by pioneering music therapist and namesake Betty Howery. Honorees are recognized for the quality of their relationships with patients and colleagues, their professional commitment, their vision for the field and practice of music therapy, and their ability to take risks in service of the greater good.

Benson, who also directs the UCSF Music Therapy Clinical Training Program [4], is celebrating his 25th year of service at Langlely Porter Psychiatric Hospital and Clinics.

About UCSF Psychiatry

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UCSF Psychiatry conducts its clinical, educational and research efforts at a variety of locations in Northern California, including UCSF campuses at Parnassus Heights, Mission Bay and Laurel Heights, UCSF Medical Center, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, the San Francisco VA Health Care System and UCSF Fresno.

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The UCSF Weill Institute leverages UCSF's unrivaled bench-to-bedside excellence in the neurosciences. It unites three UCSF departments—Neurology, Psychiatry, and Neurological Surgery—that are highly esteemed for both patient care and research, as well as the Neuroscience Graduate Program, a cross-disciplinary alliance of nearly 100 UCSF faculty members from 15 basic-science departments, as well as the UCSF Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases, a multidisciplinary research center focused on finding effective treatments for Alzheimer's disease, frontotemporal dementia, Parkinson's disease, and other neurodegenerative disorders.

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