

MUSICIAN
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ABOUT MUSICIAN TREATMENT FOUNDATION

The **Musician Treatment Foundation** was founded in 2017 by orthopedic surgeon **Alton Barron, MD**. The primary mission of the foundation is to assist in providing free surgical and non-surgical care for shoulder, elbow, and hand injuries suffered by needful professional musicians so they can get well and keep the music playing for all. MTF was made possible by the generous and talented founding Board of Directors that includes widely acclaimed musicians **Elvis Costello** and **Diana Krall**; distinguished Dean of Dell Medical School **Clay Johnston**, renowned journalists **Bob Woodruff** and **Lee Woodruff**, and other prominent professionals.

Musicians bring beauty and song to the world, but the majority cannot subsist from just making music and many live below the poverty line. Over 40% of professional musicians lack adequate health insurance and many have none. Common shoulder, elbow, and hand problems that allow most of us to continue working, can prevent musicians from making music, making a living and supporting their families. The Musician Treatment Foundation is here to help with care, education, and a network of skilled orthopedic surgeons.

The costs of specialized orthopedic surgery can be staggering. The average overall cost is over \$35,000 for the treatment of a rotator cuff tear that requires surgery. The average time to return to work following rotator cuff surgery is 3 to 4 months. Without health insurance, these costs and time away from performing can easily mark the end of a musician's career. MTF strives to identify musicians in need, physicians willing to provide care at no cost to the musicians, and funding to cover the costs of surgical equipment, facilities, and medicine.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

MTF is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit that in just over three years has assisted in providing free shoulder, elbow, and hand care to deserving professional musicians that would otherwise have cost well over \$1.25 million. Our goals are clear, our values strong.

We are also educating all musicians and music lovers alike about upper limb injuries, whether caused by trauma or by repetitive stress. Through our blogs and our Musician Monday series all can learn about our family of artist supporters who have shared their stories of injury, healing, and how they were able to keep the music playing!

While we are actively caring for our musicians, we are building our Physicians for Musicians network of like-minded shoulder, elbow, and hand surgeons around the country to expand our capacity to help more musicians. MTF works synergistically with other nonprofits in the music world, such as **Health Alliance for Austin Musicians (HAAM)**, **SIMS Foundation**, **Sun Radio Foundation**, and **Underwater Sunshine Fest**.

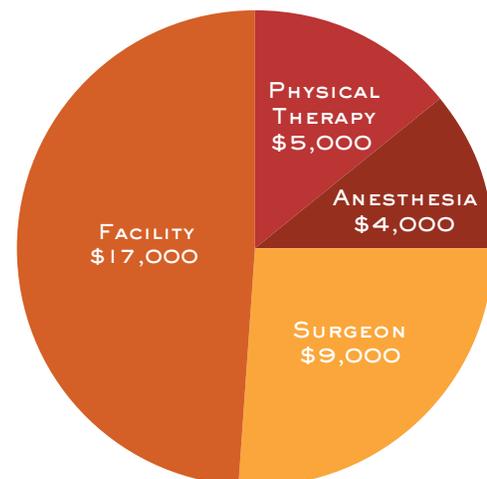
We are also featuring a number of our healed musicians through online spotlights as well as opportunities to hear their music locally and virtually. Together we bring music, care information, and inspiration to needful musicians and other underserved communities. After over a year of limited contact we are planning our first Physicians for Musicians Benefit Concert on Saturday, July 24, 2021 in Austin. We are bringing together an amazing array of prominent and local artists for a unifying and uplifting night of collaboration showcasing immense musical talent. Join us and celebrate the return of live music in Austin!

We are all beneficiaries of the universal healing power of music. Music of all genres engenders cognitive, emotional, and physical wellness for the world. We need your donations, large and small, your corporate and in-kind support, and your help in spreading the word about MTF to KEEP THE MUSIC PLAYING!



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AVERAGE COST FOR TREATMENT OF TORN ROTATOR CUFF OR RUPTURED HAND TENDON.



TOTAL COST: \$35,000

THE MEDIAN MUSICIAN INCOME IN THE US
IS ONLY \$20,000 TO \$25,000 A YEAR.

SOCIAL MEDIA OVERVIEW

For the MTF, social media serves as a critical tool to share our mission with both established and amateur musicians alike. We lean on board members and musician supporters to drive awareness of our work, inspire donations, and enhance our events. As we partner with influential companies and organizations, our overall reach will continue to increase, enhancing our ability to spread the word about MTF and the musicians we've helped, and continue our efforts to keep the music playing!

REACH

Musician Treatment Foundation |  1174  150  237  59 Subscribers  1609 Newsletter Subscribers

Diana Krall |  889k  74k  67.2k Elvis Costello |  606k  118.5k  33k

FOUNDER & BOARD OF DIRECTORS



O. Alton Barron, MD · **Founder and Director**

As a practicing orthopedic surgeon for over two decades, O. Alton Barron, MD, has witnessed the devastating impact upper-limb injuries can have on working musicians. After providing pro bono or greatly discounted surgical care to musicians whenever possible, Dr. Barron realized that he had to find a way to bring this service to many more musicians in need. His vision gave rise to the Musician Treatment Foundation.



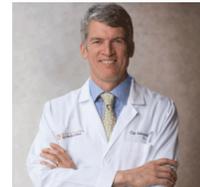
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MISSION

The Musician Treatment Foundation (MTF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that has a unique mission dedicated to helping uninsured and underinsured professional musicians with specialized surgical and non-surgical care for their shoulders, elbows, and hands at little or no cost to the musician. In just over three years, MTF has helped needful professional musicians get care in Austin and New York City that would otherwise have cost over \$1.25 million. For over a year, music venues endured extreme challenges and closures impacting musicians everywhere. As musicians face difficult choices about their orthopedic health, MTF is here to help. We seek your support so that MTF will have the resources necessary to keep the music playing for us all. Please join us by being a corporate sponsor, major donor, or annual supporter!

CORPORATE SPONSORS

MTF is building a special Physicians for Musicians (P4M) network of orthopedic surgeons to deliver free upper limb orthopedic care for more uninsured or underinsured professional musicians. Expansion of our network and outreach will allow MTF to facilitate care within and beyond our primary service areas in Austin and New York City for local, touring, and visiting musicians alike and we invite you to join them as sponsors of P4M to help MTF serve more musicians!

MTF also produces and presents virtual events semi-monthly as well as concerts to benefit injured musicians, highlight healed musicians, and promote our mission. Our family of prominent supporting artists include Ben Vereen, Bill Evans, Diana Krall, Elvis Costello, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, and Shawn Colvin. For our upcoming benefit concert -- Physicians for Musicians -- MTF is seeking in-kind donations and sponsors at these levels:

\$100K

Platinum Sponsor recognition on event and marketing material, premium seating for 6-8

\$50K

Gold Sponsor recognition on event and marketing material, premium seating for 4

\$25K

Major Sponsor recognition on event and marketing material, seating for 4

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please email wendy@mtfusa.org for information.

MAJOR DONORS

MTF is grateful for all the support we've received to fund our operations over the past three years. Our success depends on each highly skilled orthopedic surgeon willing to waive their fee in treating needful musicians, allowing MTF to focus on covering all or nearly all of the fees for the surgical facility, anesthesia, and equipment. MTF is building its reserves to ensure we are able to fund care for all professional musicians who cannot afford the care they need. Major donors at these levels will be recognized among those who are sustaining our efforts for years to come.

\$100K PLATINUM DONOR

Personalized MTF Chrome Record and premium benefit seating for 6-8

\$50K GOLD DONOR

Personalized MTF Gold Record and premium benefit seating for 4

\$25K MAJOR DONOR

Personalized MTF Record and benefit seating for 4

If you would like to become a major donor please email irene@mtfusa.org for more information.

ANNUAL SUPPORTERS

We greatly appreciate donations of any amount to support the annual operating expenses that are critical to fulfilling MTF's mission. Thank you gifts will be provided to all donors at these levels.

\$10K PROMOTER

\$5K ENTHUSIAST

\$2K FAN

\$1K GROUPE

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