

# MUSICIAN TREATMENT

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## ABOUT MUSICIAN TREATMENT FOUNDATION

The Musician Treatment Foundation (MTF) was established in 2017 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the mission of helping under- and uninsured professional musicians receive free essential orthopedic care for their shoulders, elbows, and hands. In just six years MTF has helped hundreds of musicians devastated by upper limb injuries receive care valued at over \$2.5 million.

MTF was founded by orthopedic surgeon O. Alton Barron, MD, an upper limb specialist who has been caring for professional musicians for over 25 years. It is guided and supported by a distinguished Board of Directors that includes widely acclaimed musicians [Elvis Costello](#) and [Diana Krall](#); [Clay Johnston, MD](#), inaugural Dean of Dell Medical School; [Lee and Bob Woodruff](#), founders of The Bob Woodruff Foundation; and prominent professionals in business, education, medicine, and law.

Professional musicians bring beauty and song to the world, yet so many live below the poverty line and the majority need another job to subsist. At the same time, over 40% of professional musicians lack adequate health insurance and many have none. A shoulder, elbow, or hand problem can prevent musicians from making music for a living and supporting their families.

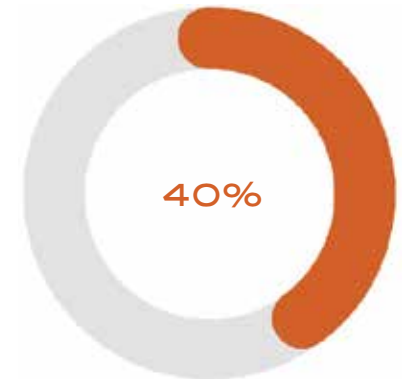
A professional musician may be forced to end their career when they cannot afford the orthopedic surgery they need. MTF connects musicians in need with experienced orthopedic surgeons in our nationwide Physicians for Musicians network who will provide free or reduced cost care to MTF beneficiaries. The foundation then covers the balance after insurance, if any, and the other costs of surgery such as anesthesia, diagnostics, equipment, and facilities fees. MTF helps injured professional musicians keep the music playing for us all.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

In Austin, New York, and dozens of other cities, MTF has helped hundreds of professional musicians receive free surgical and nonsurgical care from experienced orthopedic surgeons. MTF's Physicians for Musicians network of like-minded shoulder, elbow, and hand surgeons enables us to serve musicians across the country, whether at home or on the road. To date, MTF has helped deliver care valued at \$2.5 million to hundreds of musicians across the country.

We also support our healed musicians by creating opportunities to hear their music live and online. MTF brought music, information, and inspiration to musicians and underserved communities during the pandemic both virtually and in person. Last year, MTF's free concert series in Austin showcased 10 beneficiaries and featured another 10 in online [Musician Spotlights](#). Our 5-year anniversary benefit concert on December 2, 2022 [Elvis Costello & Friends](#) was an amazing night in Austin that included MTF beneficiary Allan Mayes with Rosanne Cash, John Leventhal, Sarah Jarosz, La Marisoul, Nina Diaz, Valerie June, and Charlie Sexton. On March 12, 2023, MTF's benefit concert [Elvis Costello & Billy Gibbons & All-Star Friends at Brooklyn Bowl Nashville](#) brought Costello and Gibbons together for the first time with Jerry Douglas, Bill Evans, Darryl Jones, and Keith Carlock. Stay tuned for upcoming MTF [events](#) and updates by subscribing to our newsletter [here](#).

We educate musicians about upper limb injuries, whether caused by accidental trauma, repetitive stress, or an underlying condition. You too can learn about these injuries from



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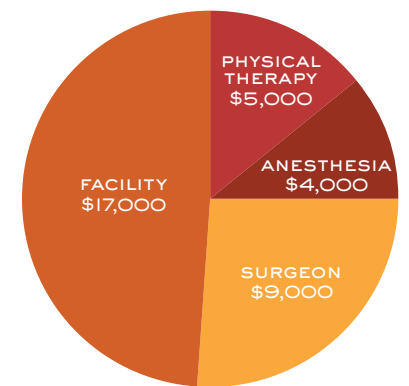
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**\$35,000**  
IS THE AVERAGE COST  
OF TREATMENT  
FOR A TORN ROTATOR  
CUFF OR A RUPTURED  
HAND TENDON

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I FEEL LIKE  
MTF SAVED MY  
CAREER.

—NICOLAS DOMINGUEZ  
DOUBLE BASSIST



## OUTREACH

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our family of artist supporters who have shared their stories of injury, healing, and return to playing music under the [CARE](#) tab of our website.

Our goals are clear, our values strong, and our outcomes powerful. MTF works strategically to assist and reach musicians in tandem with other nonprofits in the music world, such as [Black Fret](#), [HAAM](#), [The House of Songs](#), [Preservation Hall Foundation](#), [SIMS Foundation](#), [Sonic Guild](#), [Sun Radio Foundation](#), and [Underwater Sunshine Festival](#).

MTF's amazing band of supporters includes major corporations, music labels, orthopedic implant companies, venues, and well-known musicians as well as small local businesses who believe in our mission and generously support our efforts through donations, grants, and special events. Learn more about them and how you can join our band at [MTF Supporters](#).

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 financial support, corporate partnerships, and in-kind donations, and we need your help in spreading the word about MTF to [#KEEPTHEMUSICPLAYING!](#)

## SOCIAL MEDIA OVERVIEW

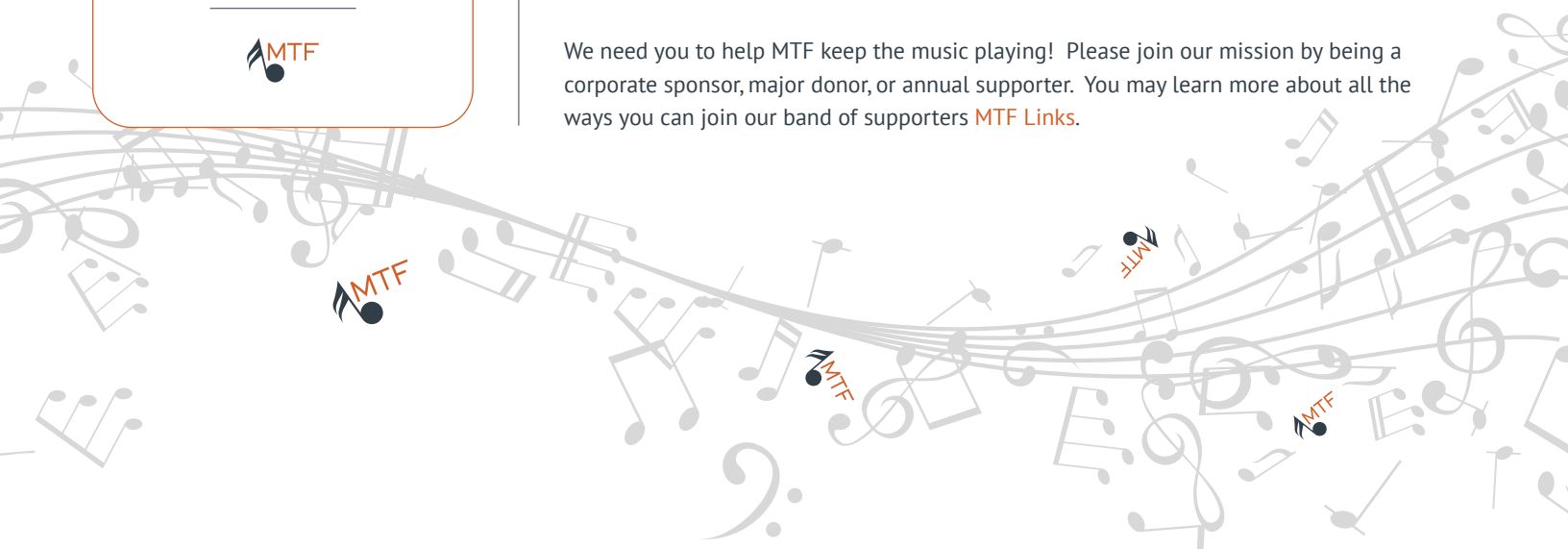
Social media serves as a critical tool to share MTF's mission with musicians, partners, and supporters. MTF relies on its distinguished Board of Directors, its growing Physicians for Musicians network, and its family of artists, partners, and supporters to further awareness of our mission, inspire donations, and attend our events. Our primary goal is to reach musicians who need MTF assistance so we can help them and keep the music playing for us all. Please follow us and share with your community!

## MISSION

The Musician Treatment Foundation (MTF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that has a unique mission to assist in providing free surgical and non-surgical shoulder, elbow, and hand care for underinsured and uninsured professional musicians.

Since inception, MTF has helped financially challenged professional musicians receive specialized surgical care valued at over \$2.5 million in Austin, New York, and other American music cities through our nationwide Physicians for Musicians network.

We need you to help MTF keep the music playing! Please join our mission by being a corporate sponsor, major donor, or annual supporter. You may learn more about all the ways you can join our band of supporters [MTF Links](#).



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Orthopedic Surgeon, [AltonBarronMD.com](http://AltonBarronMD.com)

As a practicing orthopedic surgeon for over two decades, Dr. Barron witnessed the devastating impact of upper-limb injuries on working musicians. After providing pro bono or greatly discounted surgical care to musicians whenever possible, he realized that he had to find a way to bring this service to many more musicians in need. Dr. Barron's vision gave rise to the Musician Treatment Foundation and its Physicians for Musicians network.



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## CORPORATE SPONSORS

To fulfill our mission to care for uninsured and underinsured professional musicians, MTF conducts outreach through signature events, its nationwide Physicians for Musicians (P4M) network of orthopedic surgeons, and an online musician registration platform. These efforts will enable assistance and continuity of care for local, touring, and visiting musicians. MTF is also producing digital content to educate injured musicians, highlight healed musicians, and promote our mission.

MTF invites you to join us as a sponsor or underwriter of a program or a benefit in Austin, New York, or another American music rich city. Our benefits have been generously supported by world-renowned artists, most notably Elvis Costello, Diana Krall, Bill Evans, Billy Gibbons of ZZ Top, Darryl Jones of The Rolling Stones, Jerry Douglas, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Keith Carlock, Mike Stern, Sarah Jarosz, and Shawn Colvin. MTF's success is possible with support from generous corporate donors, including our own P4M doctors, [Alotten](#), [Atlantic Records](#), [Captivate](#), [Cynergy PT](#), [Prosperity Bank](#), [Universal Music Group](#), [Warner Records](#), and [David Yurman](#).

We hope you will find your place in our band of corporate supporters! To become an event sponsor or underwriter please email us at [wendy@mtfusa.org](mailto:wendy@mtfusa.org).

## SUSTAINING DONORS

MTF is grateful for all support for our mission and operations, much of which comes from generous individuals and foundations that have supported us year after year. Donations enable us to maintain our P4M network of highly skilled orthopedic surgeons willing to reduce or waive their fees for MTF beneficiaries allowing MTF to cover all the costs of care for the musician. Help us to build our reserves to ensure MTF is able to fund care for all professional musicians who cannot afford the care they need. Please join our band of supporters by becoming a sustaining donor!

Donors at these levels will be recognized for sustaining our efforts for years to come.

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MTF appreciates donations of any amount to support the annual operating expenses that are critical to fulfilling MTF's mission. We welcome both annual and monthly recurring donations. Thank you gifts will be provided to supporters who donate or pledge \$5,000 or more annually. Please contact us at [info@mtfusa.org](mailto:info@mtfusa.org) to make a recurring donation.

Please visit [www.mtfusa.org](http://www.mtfusa.org) to make a donation, to learn more about MTF, and to subscribe to our newsletter.

Please join our band of supporters and help keep the music playing!