

# MUSICIAN TREATMENT

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## FOUNDATION

KEEP THE MUSIC PLAYING



“ **MUSICIANS  
BRING THE MUSIC  
AND THE LOVE INTO  
THE WORLD.** ”

—Elvis Costello

## JOIN OUR BAND OF SUPPORTERS

MTF is deeply grateful to all our supporters who have helped us assist hundreds of professional musicians with care valued at over \$2.7 million.

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## OUR MISSION

To assist in providing free upper limb orthopedic care for under- and uninsured professional musicians across the country.

We know that a single injury can end a musician's career. The Musician Treatment Foundation (MTF) is dedicated to helping injured musicians reclaim their talent, resume their passion, recover their livelihoods, and keep the music playing for us all.

Professional musicians create, perform, record, and rehearse music often away from home and personal and medical support systems. Injuries can arise without warning from the repetitive intensity of playing instruments as well as unexpected accidents. MTF is a unique nonprofit that facilitates and funds upper limb treatment and continuity of care for eligible musicians at home and on the road. We do so with our special nationwide network of like-minded orthopedic surgeons, Physicians for Musicians.

Our mission is driven by five initiatives:

1. CARE for the injured shoulders, elbows, and hands of eligible professional musicians.
2. EDUCATE musicians on upper limb injuries and preventative techniques that will minimize or prevent musician-specific injuries.
3. BUILD the first physician-surgeon network and musician registry dedicated to facilitating care across the country.
4. CREATE the first platform to allow specialized remote preoperative, postoperative, and non-operative continuity of care.
5. SHARE new research and outcomes data with the world to illuminate the unique diagnostic and treatment issues facing all musicians.

Since our inception in 2017 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, MTF has assisted in providing free surgical and non-surgical care for eligible professional musicians valued at over \$2.7 million.



“ **I AM PROFOUNDLY  
GRATEFUL TO MTF  
FOR THE  
TRANSFORMATIVE  
EFFECTS OF MY MEDICAL  
PROCEDURE, THE  
BENEFITS OF WHICH  
HAVE FAR EXCEEDED  
MY EXPECTATIONS.** ”

- Gerald Liu, Violist & Music Teacher

# MUSICIAN TREATMENT FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP

## DR. O. ALTON BARRON, FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN



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

“A MUSICIAN WHO IS INJURED AND CANNOT PERFORM OR CANNOT PERFORM AT 100% IS AT RISK OF BEING REPLACED, OR WORSE, THE END OF THEIR CAREER.”

## IRENE CHANG-CIMINO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & VICE PRESIDENT



As executive director, Irene Chang-Cimino has built relationships in the music and nonprofit communities in Austin, New York, and other music cities to reach underserved musicians across the country. Irene understands that MTF assistance is vital to musicians in need of orthopedic care to maintain the creativity, income, and wellness required to continue their craft.

“IT’S AMAZING TO SEE MUSICIANS PERFORM AFTER WE’VE HELPED THEM WITH THE INJURIES THAT CAUSED THEM PAIN OR LIMITED THEIR PLAYING.”

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Barron has enlisted a distinguished 16-member board of directors to contribute their keen expertise in business, healthcare, law, music, technology, and more. His longtime friends, Elvis Costello and Diana Krall, are founding members of the board who have been tremendous supporters and instrumental in bringing momentum to the foundation.

Rosanne Cash  
Bradley Connor, MD  
Elvis Costello  
George DiGiacinto, MD  
Mark E. Jennings

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Robert Woodruff  
Ken Yamaguchi MD, MBA

“ I TEAR UP MULTIPLE TIMES AT EVERY SINGLE MTF EVENT BECAUSE YOU JUST CAN’T HELP IT LISTENING TO THESE MUSICIANS’ STORIES, WHEN SOMEONE FINALLY COMES THAT CAN HELP THEM. ”

- Mark Jennings, MTF Founding Board Member

## MORE WAYS TO HELP MUSICIANS IN NEED

Sign up to receive our newsletter so you will be the first to know about MTF events, where you’ll catch performances by some of our beneficiaries and prominent artist supporters, and opportunities for you to become involved in helping musicians in need.



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