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Music and memory: learning from people with dementia Free public lecture at Museum of Health Care



(KINGSTON, Ont.) – Two prizewinning Queen's researchers will describe their findings on music and memory at a free public lecture presented by the Museum of Health Care, November 2, 2011 at 7:00pm at Etherington Auditorium. A reception at the Museum of Health Care, 32 George St., will follow.

For eight years, Dr. Lola Cuddy and Dr. Jacalyn Duffin have tested the theory that people with dementia retain musical memories more than others. The two researchers were initially curious about a single patient, but the

study grew into a project involving more than fifty people with dementia. As well, over a hundred research controls participated in the project.

Dr. Duffin is a Professor in the Hannah Chair of the History of Medicine at Queen's University while Dr. Cuddy is a Professor Emeritus of Queen's Department of Psychology and Director of the Music Cognition Laboratory.

The lecture and reception will also feature performances by The Queen's Medical Choir, of which Dr. Duffin is a member. Members of the audience will have the opportunity to test their own skills and "of course, sing along."

Other Museum of Health Care programs this autumn include "A Healthy Dose of Horror" with Dr. Greg Baran on October 30th held at the Museum (32 George St.), and "Spare Parts: How Crippled Masculinity Got Hamstringed & Got a Leg-Up," a research fellowship presentation by Jeff Sobil on November 9th at the Louise D. Acton Building (31 George St).

More information about Museum of Health Care programs and events can be found at www.museumofhealthcare.ca.

To help Canadians better understand the history of health and health care, the Museum preserves and promotes the rich material legacy of Canada's medical and health care past. The Museum serves the general public, practitioners, students, and historians through exhibitions, interpretive programs, and special events throughout the year. This year the Museum of Health Care celebrates its 20th anniversary.

Event title: Music and Memory: Learning from People with Dementia

Location: At Etherington Auditorium, 94 Stuart St., Queen's University. // Live music & refreshments will follow at the Museum of Health Care, 32 George St.

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 2 at 7pm

Cost: Free admission

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