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### **Molloy College to Host Autism Conference**

The Music Therapy Graduate Department at Molloy College will host *Engaging Autism Through Music: Developments in Music Therapy with Children on the Autistic Spectrum* on October 4, 2008. This full day conference will feature experts and pioneers in the field of Music Therapy and autism. Event content will focus on research, models and practice.

The conference will be geared toward enhancing the practice and knowledge of music therapy for professionals as well as students. Additionally, psychologists, special educators, speech/occupational therapy school administrators, creative arts therapists, and parents of children with autism will acquire an in-depth perspective of how and why music can be used as a therapeutic medium in treating the core issues of autism (relating and communicating.)

The Keynote speaker for the event is Clive Robbins, CMT/RMT, DHL, DMM, co-founder of the Nordoff-Robbins Center at New York University. Dr. Robbins will speak on *Improvisational, Interactive, Music Therapy with Children on the Autistic Spectrum: On Living in the Creative Process*.

The conference is approved by the Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT) for 7 credits. Credits will be issued by The Rebecca Center for Music Therapy - an approved provider by CBMT. Credits awarded by CBMT are accepted by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC.)

Pre-registration for the event is required, and a registration fee of \$25 applies. For more information contact John Carpente, MA, LCAT, MT-BC, NRMT at 516.678.5000 ext 6192, or via email at [jcarpente@molloy.edu](mailto:jcarpente@molloy.edu).

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