

## Musical healing celebrated at JGH Jazz Festival

Music took centre stage at the hospital this summer as the annual JGH Jazz Festival returned for its 13<sup>th</sup> edition of free entertainment in the picnic area near the Côte-des-Neiges entrance. From June 26 to July 6, patients, families, visitors and staff were treated to daily performances by a broad range of musicians, vocalists and dancers.

“This year’s musical artists celebrated the idea that art, especially improvised music, plays a major healing role in all societies and cultures,” explains **Bryan Highbloom**, festival organizer and JGH Music Therapist. “Music shares the compassion, openness, diversity, discipline and rigor necessary to help people in life, which can be in unceasing transition.”

This year’s event tried to demonstrate that making music—the act of creating melodious sound—can be a powerful healing tool. The goal each year is to help improve the quality of life for patients with all kinds of illnesses and disabilities, says Mr. Highbloom. “The music comes from a desire to do good, and the environment is meant to put everyone at ease.”

Among the artists showcased at this year’s festival were **Nouveau Jazz Libre du Québec**; the **Stephen Barry Blues Band**; Afro-beat musicians **Madou Diarra** and **Dakan**; Mexican dance troupe **Xcaret**; Montreal singer/songwriter **Linda Morrison**; and rock band **Sunrise and Good People**.

“It’s absolutely fantastic to have a music festival right here at the hospital,” says JGH Web Support Technician, Fabrice Baro. “I was pleasantly surprised by the quality of the lineup. What’s more, there were several music genres so it wasn’t repetitive. A great showcase!”

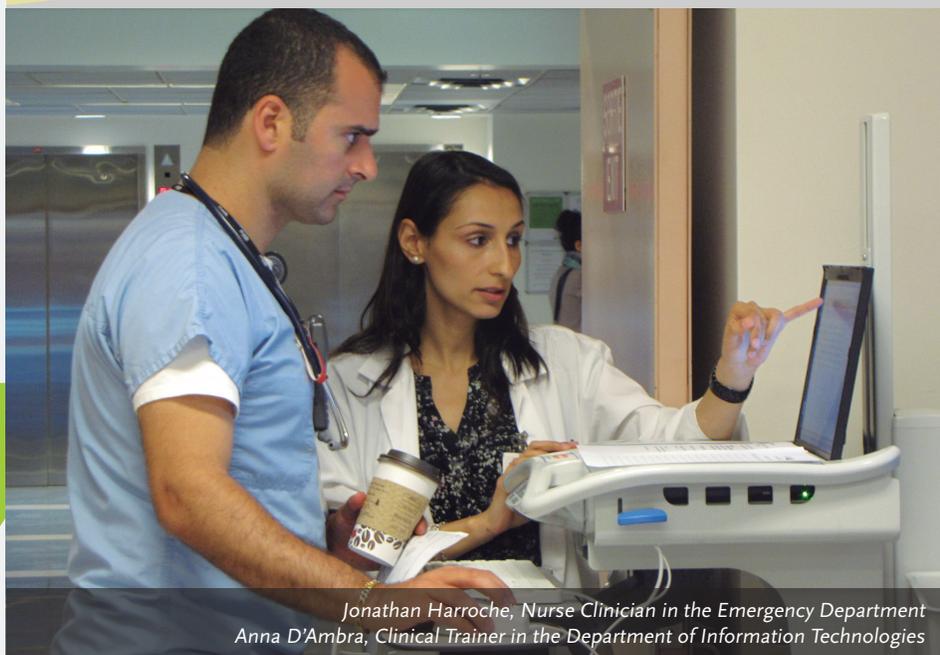


Fabrice Baro, web support technician, Public Affairs and Communications, and his son Sacha look on as JGH musical therapist Bryan Highbloom performs.



Christian Marc Gendron performs for the nurses on 6 North.

## Oacis Day



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**O**acis, the electronic medical record, has arrived at the JGH. It provides a single port of entry into patient information, including treatment history, imaging, test results and more. The hospital’s department of Information Technology has a team dedicated to developing *Oacis* and educating staff; they held *Oacis* Day on August 28 in order to inform staff, patients and visitors about the advantages this new technology would bring. Staff members who visited the *Oacis* Day Kiosk were able to use a simulation of *Oacis*, ask questions and schedule a time when IT would provide them with access to the program.

- Do you work at or are you doing a rotation at the JGH?
- Are you a clinician or Allied Health professional?
- Do you have access to *Oacis* yet?

If you fit the criteria above and are ready to request access to *Oacis*, contact the team at extension 7676.