



## Bionic Ear Association (BEA) e-News | August 2008

BEA e-News is a monthly e-mail communication to Bionic Ear recipients. Each month you will receive timely information on a variety of topics to enhance your hearing journey. Whether you are new to cochlear implants, an experienced recipient, or a family member, we hope this newsletter will help you stay in-the-know!

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### It's Music Time

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote, "Music is the universal language of mankind." No matter what our individual backgrounds, we all seem to naturally connect with music. Did you know that there are tips and strategies you can use to **enhance your music enjoyment**? With some practice and determination, it may be possible to improve your music listening skills. Kate Gfeller, PhD, a nationally recognized music therapist and researcher, has written a very informative article on music listening. To access this article, [click here](#).

### Plug and Play

Music on the go ~ it is a wonderful thing! As a Bionic Ear recipient, did you know that your processor can be adapted to access all types of portable music players? To get information on how to make the most out of hearing the music you love, [click here](#).

### Name That Tune

All children love music! Incorporating music and song into listening practice and language development tasks can make them much more fun and exciting. **TuneUps**, a music therapy approach developed by Chris Barton and Amy McConkey Robbins, weaves music and language together to actively engage children in these listening experiences. To learn more about TuneUps, [click here](#).

### It's Calendar Time

We are preparing to publish our **2009 Bionic Ear Association Calendar**. In previous years, we have included pictures of our pediatric recipients from all over the world and this year is no exception. Our theme this year is "Making Memories". If you would like a picture of your child included in next year's calendar, [click here](#).

### Online Community News

Meet fellow Bionic Ear recipients to share journeys, find support and reach out to others new to the cochlear implants by visiting our online community at [HearingJourney.com](http://HearingJourney.com).

Connect with others at the regularly scheduled online community chats on **Thursday evenings at 7 PM PDT/10 PM EST** in the **General Chat Room** at [HearingJourney.com](http://HearingJourney.com).

Stay up-to-date on the latest news and technology by attending BEA e-News chats held on the first Monday of each month at 6 PM PDT/9 PM EST in the General Chat Room in the Online Community at [HearingJourney.com](http://HearingJourney.com). Our next BEA News chat will be held Monday, August 11, 2008, and the topic will be **Music Listening**. The chats are open to all BEA members and cochlear implant candidates. We look forward to your attendance!

### Don't forget to visit the Listening Room

The new features for the **Kids site** have been posted for the month of August. This month's theme is **Family Vacations**. In July, we launched the Listening Room for Teens and Adults and we continue to add in new features and fresh content on a weekly basis. We encourage you to come in and visit to see what is new! To visit the Listening Room, [click here](#).

### Web Classes

Through our **eLearning Library**, you can access a recorded series entitled, **Bringing Music to Life**. This series, conducted by music therapist and children's songwriter, Chris Barton, offers parents, teens and adults information on how to enhance music appreciation skills with the cochlear implant. To access this series, [click here](#).

You can further enhance your knowledge by taking any of our **eLearning courses**. To visit our eLearning Library [click here](#).

### Mark Your Calendars!

The Association of Late-Deafened Adults, Inc., (ALDA), will be holding its annual national conference, ALDAcon, in October, 2008. To learn more about this and other events in your area, [click here](#).

### We are "Hear" for you

The Bionic Ear Association is a service and support organization for all Bionic Ear candidates, recipients and families. A team of dedicated audiologists is here to answer your questions and to provide support and encouragement while you are on this journey to hearing. Please contact us at [hear@AdvancedBionics.com](mailto:hear@AdvancedBionics.com).

If you have questions about any of the information you received today, please contact our BEA audiologists at [hear@AdvancedBionics.com](mailto:hear@AdvancedBionics.com), or call 1-800-678-2575 and ask to speak to the BEA.