

The Medical Arts 16-17: Medical Arts Program Artists' Guild (MAPAG) Premiere *Izzy's Experience*

On December 8, 2016, the MAPAG had its premiere showcase at 8:00pm in the Kerrytown Concert House. Isadore Dodard-Friedman, founder of the MAPAG, wrote about his experience of the premiere as well as some background about why he started the guild:

“During my first year medical studies at University of Michigan Medical School (UMMS), it became apparent to me in interactions with classmates and upperclassmen that this community included people with a remarkable



other art forms, which I began to notice after attending many events hosted by the Medical Arts Program.

Given the importance of art in medicine, I hoped to find a way to allow UMMS artists of all backgrounds and levels to share their passions with the UMMS community. This inspired the creation of Medical Arts Program Artists' Guild (MAPAG). Through MAPAG, I hope to create a warm and welcoming environment for all UMMS artists while facilitating meaningful interactions between artists from differing backgrounds and community audience members.



spectrum of artistic talents. I quickly found a group of students in my class who shared a similar interest in chamber music, a branch of classical music composed for small groups of instruments, and we formed a quintet consisting of two violins, cello, viola and piano. I had always believed that lessons learned through music and other art forms were intimately linked to the skills necessary to master the art of medicine. This became further apparent to me during performances with the quintet where competences important in medicine such as communication, sensitivity, empathy were also critical to a successful performance. Moreover, the overlap between medicine

and art extends far beyond music to



The premiere concert of the MAPAG took place on the evening of December 8th 2016 at the Kerrytown Concert House in downtown Ann Arbor. The event featured performances by all M1-M4 medical students and included a wide array of artistic genres such as poetry, music ranging from classical to Indie rock, and visual art displays.”

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