

*CCTA - the Center for Creative Therapeutic Arts has demonstrated its 17-year leadership in excellence and growth of the creative arts across the State of Nevada. Through outstanding arts programming with therapeutic enhancement, CCTA has been the statewide leader for community-based programs. CCTA's achievements are exceptional and enduring.*

- Founded in 1990, CCTA was the first music therapy continuing education program in Nevada. The Nevada State Board of Nursing as well as Board of Examiners for social workers, marriage and family therapists, alcohol/drug counselors, psychologists and physicians have accredited the music medicine workshops.
- Since 1990, CCTA has attracted a volunteer force of dozens of people who have contributed over 10,000 hours of service. Volunteers staff health fair booths, serve on CCTA's boards and assist with events and office requirements.
- From 1990 to 2000, CCTA conducted music therapy research programs with audience participants, cancer patients and UNLV subjects studying the effects of music medicine (aka Music4Life) formulas. Music4Life, an extraordinary health system, integrates into arts treatment programs particularly successful with people experiencing trauma.
- Presented hundreds of public awareness programs resulting in client referrals treating thousands of Nevadans through 1,200 music and art therapy sessions annually, from ages infant to 106. Serving diverse populations, clients are challenged with mental illness, abuse, trauma, disabilities, medical and behavioral problems.
- In 2004, CCTA merged administration and treatment offices and established central offices at College of Southern Nevada's West Charleston Campus. CCTA has expanded to six sites with four more sites planned by 2009.
- Recognized for exceptional artistic achievement by violinist Judith Pinkerton, CCTA Founder and Executive Director. The Nevada Arts Council has continually awarded grants to her and CCTA since 1997. The Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce awarded Judith/CCTA the 2001 Community Achievement Award for Arts & Entertainment, as well as finalist in two prior years. Many commendations have been received from Nevada U.S. congressmen and women.
- CCTA has formed unprecedented school district partnerships for special education and at-risk students. Grants from the Nevada Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts, Nevada Mental Health Planning Advisory Council, Children's Service Guild and MGM Mirage VOICE Foundation have funded music therapy education programs and services at O.K. Adcock Elementary, Rose Warren Empowerment, Roger Bryan, Goolsby, William Bennett-Laughlin and William Beatty Elementary Schools, Child Haven School, Las Vegas Academy for the Performing Arts, Cheyenne and Clark High Schools.
- Over the years, Judith Pinkerton has created unique partnerships with the American Stroke Association, The Arts Factory Las Vegas, Barbara Greenspun WomensCare Center for Excellence, BEST Coalition, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, City of Henderson, City of Las Vegas Television (KCLV) Channel 2, Clark County Family & Youth Services, Clark County Television (CCTV) Channel 4, Clark County School District Guidance & Counseling, Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada, Desert Regional Center, Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada, Family Ties of Nevada, First Fridays, Foundation for Positively Kids, Green Valley High School, Henderson Civitan Club, Home Depot, Integrated Health Plan Inc., JBE Computers,

Kelly Paper, Las Vegas Philharmonic, Las Vegas Senior Guide, Lawry's The Prime Rib, Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Media Underground, Monarch Creative, Nathan Adelson Hospice, New Hope Hospice, Nevada Adult Day HealthCare Center, Nevada Heart & Vascular Center, Nevada Community Enrichment Program, Nevada Multi-Cultural Coalition, Nevada Occupational Therapists, Nevada PEP, Nevada Power Company, Nevada State Bank, Reflections Counseling Center, Remo Inc., Spiritual Life Center, Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center, Nevada State Senator Valerie Wiener, Southwest Airlines, Strategic Resource Consultants, Touro University Nevada, United Way of Southern Nevada, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, UNLV, University of Southern Nevada, US Senator Harry Reid, and Valley Hospital.

- In 2008, CCTA secured a first-time grant from the MGM MIRAGE Voice Foundation to fund a unique group drumming workshop in Las Vegas. Skilled musicians have been trained to provide expanded programming of drum circles throughout southern Nevada under the supervision of CCTA music therapists.
- In 2007, CCTA created a first-time six-month music therapy internship site at the Child Haven campus, in cooperation with Sam Houston State University in Texas. The programs have expanded to include art therapy supported through a grant from Children's Service Guild. CCTA's designation as a university-affiliated internship site partners with music therapy degree programs in Arizona, Texas and California with current interns from Oregon and California.
- Since 1991, CCTA advocated for UNLV's Music Department to offer a music therapy degree program, resulting in music therapy listed on UNLV's strategic plan for Fall 2009.
- Judith Pinkerton has attained a reputation of excellence with peers. She holds the position of First Vice-President Elect and 2010 Conference Chair for the Western Region Chapter, American Music Therapy Association (WRAMTA). In 2007, CCTA received funding support and site visitations from AMTA & WRAMTA to assist statewide government advocacy.
- CCTA spearheaded a statewide coalition that resulted in the 2007 Nevada State Legislature appropriating \$109,590 (SB558/579) for music therapy. Unparalleled in any other state, public awareness events were presented at the Nevada Governor's Mansion and the Nevada State Legislature Building in February, 2007.
- Judith has successfully advocated for music therapy at Nellis Air Force Base. The result is commanders requesting Music4Life mental health programs locally and nationally.
- In 2007, Judith co-founded International Foundation of Healing Arts, Inc. (IFHA) a non-profit organization based in Orange County, California. CCTA's leadership with colleagues in San Diego and Los Angeles led to the establishment of IFHA to promote and support healing arts entities worldwide through programs, education services, and building public awareness that positively impact human services. IFHA provides expertise and support that develops, nurtures, and sustains the infrastructure of collaborative healing arts partnerships.