Medical - muses and music: an historical "medical-orchestra".Dedicated to Maestro Nachum Pereferkowich and "The Second Round Jazz Octet

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ABSTRACT

Paracelsus said that: "Medicine is not only a science; it is also an art. It does not consist of compounding pills and plasters; it deals with the very processes of life, which must be understood before they may be guided." The meeting points of music and medicine, both art and science, are many: the stories of physicians who became musicians; diseases or infirmaries of famous composers; musical use while performing medical, surgical or

psychological procedures; and music as a mean of therapy. Along history, many physicians were deeply involved in music: medical practitioners may well improve their everyday skills of the patients-physicians interrelationship, being more humane, more patient to their clients and much more happier.

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