Insights and Images

The ‘StreetSounds’ Project
Community Development through Music

Peace, Empathy and Conciliation Through Music: A Collaboratory
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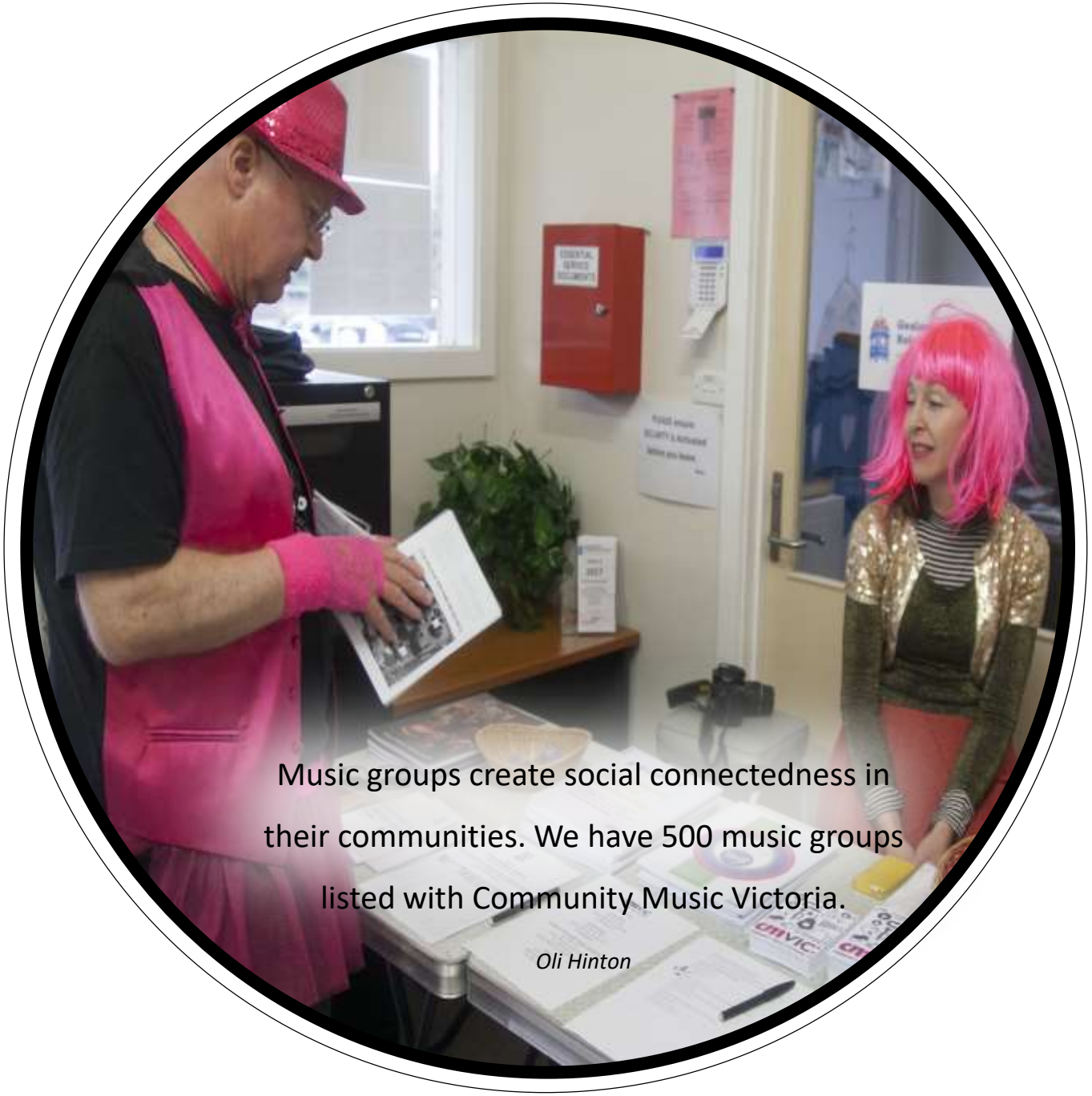
Community
Music
Victoria
(CMVic)

Community Music Victoria's
vision is for high quality
participatory music-making
experiences to be available
to all Victorians.

Community Music Victoria
believes that everyone,
whatever their background
or musical ability, has an innate
capacity to make music and
that our communities are
strengthened by this activity.



Music groups create social connectedness in their communities. We have 500 music groups listed with Community Music Victoria.

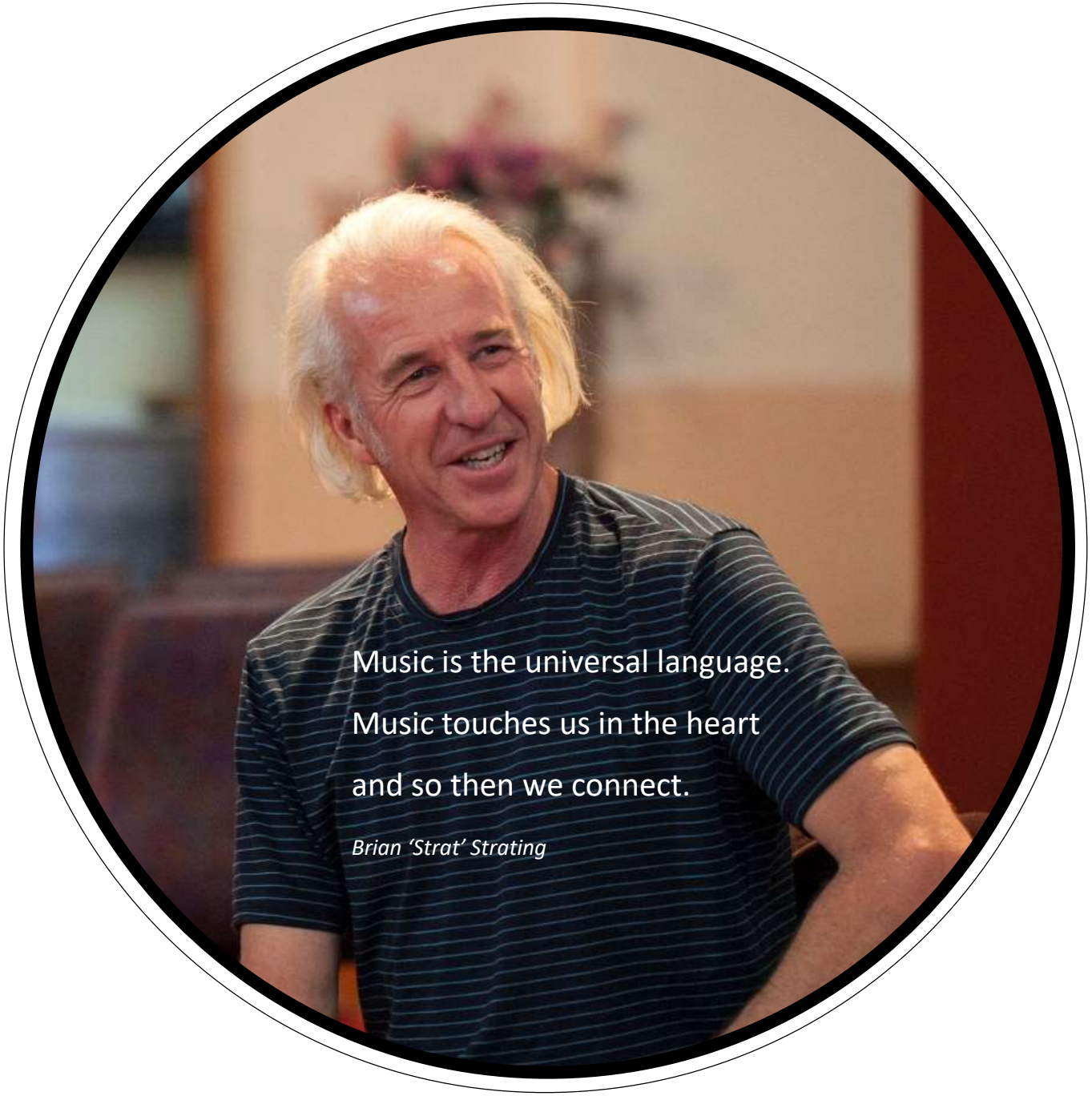
Oli Hinton

When people make music together, connections develop.
These connections can transcend profound difference,
create unexpected unity and bring cathartic joy.
Jon Hawkes

People are discovering that
Community Music is hugely fun to do.
Anybody can do it.
Oli Hinton

Our bodies respond physically, sensually and emotionally to harmony – the connections between sounds move us.
Jon Hawkes

Music gives people a sense of identity
a sense of who they are.
Music ties people together. It is unifying.
Lyndal Chambers


Music is the universal language.
Music touches us in the heart
and so then we connect.
Brian 'Strat' Strating

Lyndal and Strat embody and enact the Community Music way of making music, of being totally inclusive, of creating the free and fearless space.
John Howard

Making harmony in the moment is a joyful and
uplifting experience – a tangible manifestation
of our dreams of oneness through diversity.
Jon Hawkes

CREATIVE VICTORIA
cmVIC
COMMUNITY MUSIC VICTORIA
The ‘StreetSounds’ Project
Helen Macpherson Smith Trust
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TRUST

The aim of ‘StreetSounds’ is to create new opportunities for community instrumental music making for Victorians through the accessible style of the Street Band.

The StreetSounds project has five main areas of work …
• Establishing ten new Street Bands
• Developing leadership resources
• Identifying and enabling music leaders
• Networking
• Establishing a CMVic Street Band Festival

StreetSounds is all about creating new opportunities for
Victorians of all abilities and ages to play music with others.
Lyndal Chambers

Music brings a sense of joy and life
and connection to a community.
Lyndal Chambers

With people dancing and participating,
music gives a positive sense of place.
Lyndal Chambers

Music is a physical thing.
When we sing
and when we make music,
we are actually connecting
with each other.
There is a wave, a vibration.
That's what makes music such
a powerful community
bonding experience.
Brian 'Strat' Strating

I love playing music.
It’s about spontaneity.
It’s about the access and welcome,
the inclusivity of making music together.
Brian ‘Strat’ Strating

A diverse range of skills including musical skills
is what makes the whole thing work.
Lyndal Chambers

The group you’re working
with is the greatest resource …

We’re growing a culture of
acceptance, inclusion and love.
We’re celebrating and utilising
everyone’s skills.
Lyndal Chambers

The Street Bands …
Participants' Perspectives

Boomulele is a way of giving something back
to the community we live in.

We recruit by an inclusive style of word of mouth.
People join, and join-in, on trust.
St Lukes Art Fair, Morwell

Our fun is based on
people willingly
using the skills
they bring.

What a great group of people

to make music with …

The sheer joy of it …

The fun, inclusiveness,
performing with dancing and costumes,
interacting with local Indigenous people …

Teaching the
'GunaiKurnai Acknowledgment Song'
Boolarra Folk Festival

Boomulele with Dedlee Kulcha Dancers
Community Reconciliation Day
Federation University

Steve Schulz, son Kai and 86 year old Aboriginal Elder Uncle Dennis Seymour

NAIDOC Day Celebration
Kurnai College, Morwell

FWP

Geelong After Dark Festival
BOOMULELI
LATROBE
VALLEY

StreetSounds Festival Geelong

Melton South Railway Station

Think horns …
Think percussion …
Think dancing …
Think New Orleans …
Feel hot-blooded Latin
musical passion with a
distinctly Aussie twist …
Deb, Oli and Jess, CMVic

This type of event is what community music-making is all about.
It's bringing together people from different cultural backgrounds.
Brian 'Strat' Strating

Music is so good for us.
It’s just like a breath
of fresh air.
Music is good for your
spirit and your soul.
Judy Pearse

MUSEUM
I have lived in Melton South
for forty years.
It’s fantastic to be part of this
celebration today.
We haven’t seen anything
like this for quite a while …
if ever in Melton actually.
Roger Davis

I love performing and felt that we were
part of a greater whole …

It was such a celebration of
music & community living …

We can be divided by all sorts of differences.
Music is one of the things that unites communities.
Johnny Soprano

Inverloch Jazz Festival Street Parade

Invy Horn Jam
VCAL Community Day
Wonthaggi

AMES Multicultural Fair

CITY OF MELBOURNE CELEBRATES
CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK
CITY OF MELBOURNE

StreetSounds Festival Geelong

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YAMAHA

Philosophical
Perspectives …
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Through Music

We must broaden the definition
of who our neighbours are,
and extend the boundaries of
our interest and empathy.
Wendy Kopp

There is no time left for anything
but to make peace-work a dimension
of our every waking activity.
Elise M. Boulding

You can only understand
people if you feel them
in yourself.
John Steinbeck

This will be our
reply to violence:
to make music
more intensely,
more beautifully,
more devotedly
than ever before.
Leonard Bernstein

Empathy is the starting point
for creating a community
and taking action.
It's the impetus for creating change.
Max Carver

Empathy is about finding echoes of yourself in another person.
Mohsin Hamid

Empathy is the
most radical of
human emotions.
Gloria Steinem

When you sing with a group of people,
you learn how to subsume yourself
into a group consciousness.
That way lies empathy,
the great social virtue.
Brian Eno

The true beauty
of music is that it
connects people.
Roy Ayers

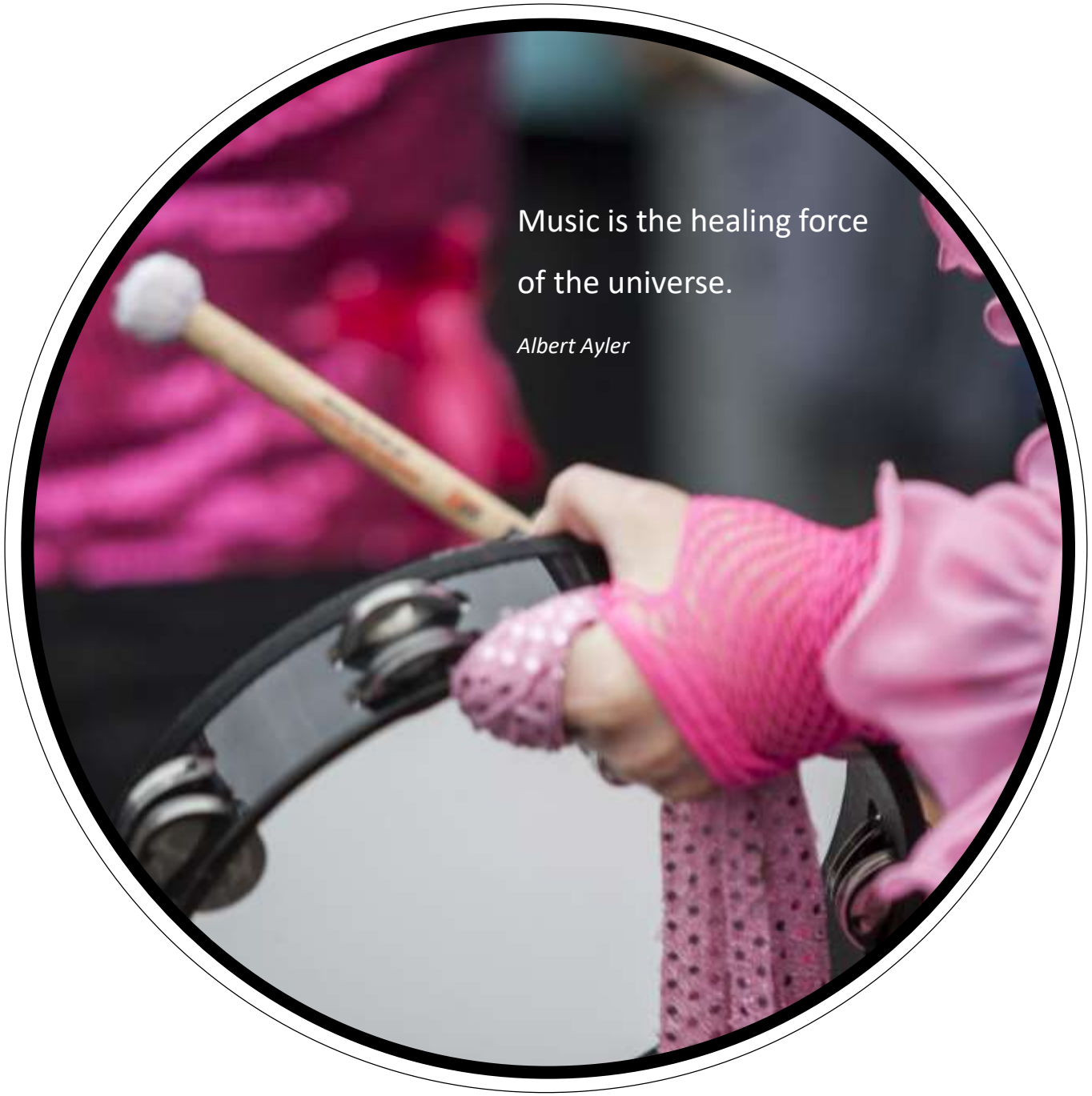
All advocacy is, at its core, an exercise in empathy.
Samantha Power

Music is a fantastic peacekeeper
of the world.
It is integral to harmony.
Xun Kuang

I believe that the basic nature of human beings is gentle and compassionate. It is therefore in our own interest to encourage that nature, to make it live within us, to leave room for it to develop.
Dalai Lama

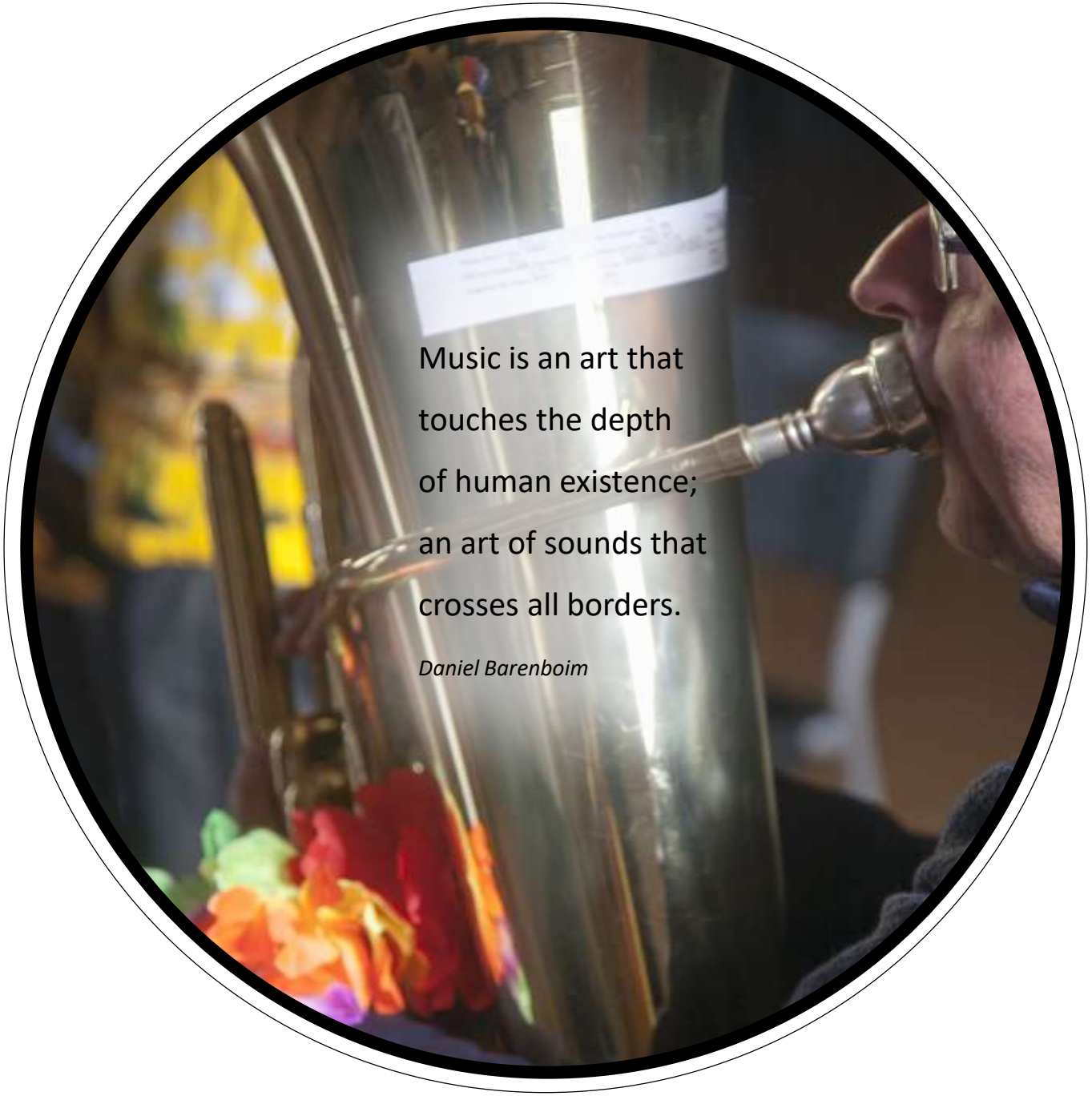
Ever since happiness
heard your name,
it has been running
through the streets
looking for your
address.
Hafiz

Music is an outburst
of the soul.
Frederick Delius


Music is the healing force
of the universe.
Albert Ayler

It is music and dancing
that make me at peace
with the world.
Nelson Mandela

Music can change the world.
Ludwig van Beethoven


Music is an art that
touches the depth
of human existence;
an art of sounds that
crosses all borders.
Daniel Barenboim