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IMNF 2009 Music Has Power Award Recognizes Local Scientist

The Neurosciences Institute's Esther J. Burnham Senior Fellow, Dr. Aniruddh Patel, received the 2009 *Music Has Power Award* on September 9, 2009 in New York City from the Institute for Music and Neurologic Function (IMNF). Dr. Patel is the author of the book *Music, Language, and the Brain* (Oxford University Press 2008) which was awarded a 2008 ASCAP Deems Taylor award. He serves as an IMNF Scientific Advisory Board member. Peggy Rice, a long-time IMNF supporter, also received an award.

The *Music Has Power Awards* are presented annually by the IMNF to honor those individuals in the arts, sciences and business communities whose work contributes to the advancement of music therapy research, development and programs. The IMNF actively collaborates with researchers and practitioners at other leading organizations to advance world progress in understanding and applying the power of music to promote healing and wellness.

The Neurosciences Institute, located on Torrey Pines Mesa, is dedicated to learning about the brain for the benefit of all mankind. Under the leadership of Nobel Laureate Dr. Gerald M. Edelman, the Institute focuses on the principles underlying how we perceive the world, how we learn and remember and how consciousness arises. Studying how music and language are processed by the brain is just one aspect of research at the Institute, and Dr. Patel is recognized as an expert in this area.

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