



Anti-Misogyny Position Statement

As sexist and misogynist acts of violence have increased around the globe, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, CAMT would like to speak out against misogyny in all forms and show support for our members and clients of all genders.

The term “Shadow Pandemic” has been coined by the UN to describe the often silent and unseen violence against women that has thrived amidst the COVID-19 global outbreak, while WHO estimates that as many as 1 in 3 women worldwide may have experienced some form of sexual violence. Misogyny flourishes in circumstances of instability, and statistics imply that we as music therapists have or will likely work with clients who have experienced misogynist acts against them.

CAMT acknowledges that sexism and misogyny are not limited to acts of femicide and domestic violence, but can also take the form of microaggressions, cat calls, sexist remarks, and systemic oppression. Sexism and misogyny also intersect with race, the gender continuum, sexuality, ability, neurodiversity, socioeconomic status, and many other social locators.

By speaking out about these issues, we hope to bring misogyny out of the shadow, shine a light, and work together to find solutions.

Action Items

CAMT commits to:

- Creating a safe space to receive feedback from members.
- Providing ongoing resources and continuing education opportunities to aid in learning how we can support clients who have experienced marginalization.
- Reviewing CAMT competencies to ensure they adequately reflect the skills MTAs need to best advocate for those with whom we work.

Resources

- <https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/in-focus-gender-equality-in-covid-19-response/violence-against-women-during-covid-19>
- <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/violence-against-women>
- <https://femicideincanada.ca/callitfemicide2020.pdf>
- <https://sandicurtis.com/beyond-me-too/>
- <https://www.psychiatrictimes.com/view/locked-down-with-an-abusive-partner>
- <https://montreal.citynews.ca/video/2019/09/14/musical-healing-for-survivors-of-violence/>

- https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/canada-domestic-violence-double-covid-pandemic_ca_6033dadac5b67c32961f779f
- <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/these-gta-based-groups-are-tackling-domestic-violence-one-community-initiative-at-a-time-1.5486267>

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Signed,

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