

Name:

Date:

Determining Music Preferences

Family Questionnaire

(adapted from Gerdner, L. A., Hartsock, J., Buckwalter, K. C. 2000)

Please complete this questionnaire based on your knowledge of the music preferences of the person living with dementia. These responses can be useful when selecting music.

How important has music been in their life?

Very important Moderately important Slightly important Not important

Do they play a musical instrument, or did they used to play one? If yes, please specify (e.g., piano, guitar)

If yes, for how long have they been playing this instrument?

Do they enjoy singing, or did they previously? If yes, please specify (e.g., around-the house, in choir etc.)

Do they enjoy dancing, or did they previously? If yes, please specify (e.g., attended dance lessons, socials)

The following is a list of different types of music. Please indicate their 3 most favourite types with 1 being the most favourite, 2 the next and 3 the third favourite.

Country and western

Classical

Hymns & Religious

Pop & Rock

Folk

Jazz & Blues

Other:

Do they prefer:

Vocal

Instrumental

Both

Please identify as many songs as you can think of that makes the individual feels happy, or that might be connected with happy memories.

Please identify any specific songs that you can think of which might make the individual feel sad or that could be associated with distressing memories.

Please identify specific artists or performers that the individual most enjoys listening to.

Name some albums that the individual has in his/her personal music library.
