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# THIRD ANNUAL "MAKE MUSIC PHILLY" RETURNS ON <u>SUNDAY</u>, <u>JUNE 21</u>, <u>2015</u>

# Over 100 Concerts and Music-Making Opportunities, All Over and All Free

Philadelphia, PA (June 11, 2015) – <u>Make Music Philly</u> – the city's free, citywide "doit-yourself" music celebration – returns for a third year with over 100 free performances in public spaces on Sunday June 21, 2015.

Coordinated by the nonprofit Make Music Alliance, with support from media partner WXPN, Make Music Philly showcases both hidden talents and seasoned artists, while giving musicians and non-musicians alike a chance to join in the music-making. Completely different from a traditional music festival, Make Music Philly is open to all who wish to participate, and free for all who wish to attend, uniting Philadelphians of all ages, musical persuasions, and social backgrounds.

## Wander around the city on June 21st to:

- sit down at a drum set with the <a href="Philly Drum Project">Philly Drum Project</a> (12pm) and jam with some of the city's notable percussionists, then pick up a free harmonica courtesy of Hohner and take a <a href="Mass Appeal Harmonica">Mass Appeal Harmonica</a> lesson with John Colgan-Davis of the Dukes of Destiny (1pm), both at The Porch at 30th St;
- bring your uke to the <u>Mass Appeal Ukuleles</u> at BridgeSet Sound (710 South Street, 7pm) and play along in a participatory event led by Frankie DeRosa, with free uke giveaways from Kala and Alfred;
- visit <u>Gloria Dei Church</u> (916 S. Swanson St), the oldest church in the city, to experience 20 acoustic and Americana/rock bands on two stages, inside and out;
- expand your horizons at the <u>Random Tea Room</u> (713 N. 4th St, 4pm 7pm) with experimental, world, and folk musicians curated by Steve Tobin of Fire Museum Records;
- groove to a full afternoon of R&B and soul at the <u>Philly Uptown Theater</u> (2226 N. Broad Street, 12pm 5:30pm);
- join a backyard party at <u>Draggle Garden</u> (541 Wilder St) with indie-rock, blues, and the brass-centric folk-rock group Port Arthur.

Many more wild and wonderful highlights are listed on the full schedule at <a href="https://www.makemusicphilly.org">www.makemusicphilly.org</a>, or on the free Make Music Day app, for Android and iOS. All Make Music Philly events are free and open to the public, no tickets required.

Philadelphia is one of twenty-three U.S. cities now celebrating Make Music Day on the summer solstice. What began in 1982 as France's *Fête de la Musique* has since spread to more than 700 cities across 120 countries, all celebrating music-making on June 21st. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.makemusicday.org">www.makemusicday.org</a>.

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# **About Make Music Day**

Held annually on June 21st, Make Music Day is part of the international *Fête de la Musique*, taking place in 700 cities across 120 countries. The daylong, musical freefor-all celebrates music in all its forms, encouraging people to band together and play in free public concerts. This year, 23 U.S. cities are organizing Make Music celebrations, encompassing thousands of concerts nationwide, coordinated by the nonprofit Make Music Alliance. For more information, please visit www.makemusicday.org.