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## MAKE MUSIC SAN JOSÉ RETURNS ON JUNE 21, 2018

### Join the city-wide celebration of music

**SAN JOSE – Make Music San José**, returns on Thursday, June 21, 2018, for its second year of celebrating the joy of music making city-wide. Make Music San José is part of the international Make Music Day celebration, which takes place on the summer solstice in cities around the world from Paris to Nashville. In the spirit of the holiday, Make Music San José is open to anyone who wants to take part. People get together in their neighborhoods to create their own musical events: performers can be anyone and venues can be anywhere.

Through the website, [www.MakeMusicDay.org/SanJose](http://www.MakeMusicDay.org/SanJose), people interested in performing or hosting an event can register via the online platform. Musicians can browse registered venues to request a performance and venues can also browse registered musicians. If a match is made and both parties confirm, the event shows up in the listings. Registration closes May 21.

Participatory “Play-Along” events will also be taking place city-wide on June 21. These events include drop-in music lessons, musical meet-ups, and hosted jam sessions. Highlights for Make Music San Jose 2018 include:

- **An “orchestral adventure” with the Awesome Orchestra Collective** in Plaza de Cesar Chavez from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This free, open, and diversely programmed session is an opportunity for musicians of all abilities to come together and play an orchestral repertoire in a fun, relaxed, and supportive environment. Due to the popularity of the Awesome Orchestra events, folks **MUST** sign up on the Awesome Orchestra website ([www.AwesomeOrchestra.org](http://www.AwesomeOrchestra.org)) to participate as a musician. Sign-ups begin on June 4th. The participation of the Awesome Orchestra Collective in Make Music San Jose is made possible by the San Jose Downtown Association with support from the Knight Foundation.
- **A music-themed Viva Parks Neighborhoods** at Meadowfair Park from 6:00 to 10:30 pm. Come out with the kids and enjoy an interactive evening of music, games, and outdoor film screening with the San Jose Jazz Boom Box and the San Jose Public Library Maker(space) Ship. This event is part of the San José Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services summer series Viva Parks Neighborhoods, and made possible with the support from the Office of San José Councilmember Sylvia Arenas.

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- **Make Music at the mall.** From noon to 7:00 pm, Eastridge Center will be hosting a variety of fun, free music-related activities including a Summer Runway Show hosted by Crystal Rosas of Wild 94.9, band tee screen-printing with HellaTees, instrument making crafts for kids, hip hop yoga, and, of course, musical performances by local acts. Follow @EastridgeCenter on Facebook or Instagram to keep up with the events!

For more events go to [www.MakeMusicDay.org/SanJose](http://www.MakeMusicDay.org/SanJose). A full listing of events citywide will go live May 21.

Make Music San José is facilitated by the San José Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) as part of the San José Creates and Connects initiative aimed connecting residents across communities and within neighborhoods through creative, participatory experiences.

“Make Music San José celebrates music as a core part of life in our city,” says Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of the San José Office of Cultural Affairs. “San José residents deeply value creative expression and practice a wide array of cultural traditions. Make Music San José provides a citywide platform for residents to share their musical talents with each other. With performances ranging from garage bands to chamber music ensembles, as well as drop-in participatory programs for the musically curious, Make Music San José offers multiple opportunities to experience the joy of music making.”

#### **About Make Music Day**

Held annually on June 21, Make Music Day is part of the international *Fête de la Musique*, taking place in 750 cities across 120 countries. The daylong, musical free-for-all celebrates music in all its forms, encouraging people to band together and play in free public concerts. This year, 52 U.S. cities and the entire states of Vermont and Rhode Island are organizing Make Music celebrations, encompassing thousands of music making opportunities nationwide. Make Music Day is presented by the NAMM Foundation and coordinated by the nonprofit Make Music Alliance. For more information, please visit [www.makemusicday.org](http://www.makemusicday.org).

#### **About the San José Office of Cultural Affairs**

The City of San José recognizes that the arts and culture are essential elements in the character and quality of life in a vibrant community and seeks to ensure that San José is an effective hub of a wide array of arts and cultural opportunities throughout Silicon Valley. The Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA), a division of Economic Development in the City Manager’s Office, is the lead City of San José agency for stewarding a vibrant arts sector.

#### **About the City of San José**

San José, Capital of Silicon Valley, is the largest city in Northern California and the 10th largest city in the nation, with an ethnically diverse population of more than one million. San José was founded in 1777, once served as the state capital of California, and encompasses 180 square miles. The City’s website is [sanjoseca.gov](http://sanjoseca.gov).

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