

## *Office of Cultural Affairs*

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## **MAKE MUSIC SAN JOSE 2019 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

*Join the citywide celebration of music on June 21, 2019*

**SAN JOSE, Calif.**, - Calling all music makers! Make Music San José, returns on Friday, June 21, 2019 for its third year and is inviting professional and amateur musicians of all genres to sign up to perform during this day-long, citywide celebration of music. Venues of all varieties from coffee shops to hair salons are also invited to sign up to host music related events. As a special program this year, San José Chamber Orchestra is inviting aspiring composers to submit songs about San José to be performed throughout the day.

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 a 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. Last year, over 65 events took place at 37 venues throughout the City with more than 250 artists taking part. We look forward to growing the celebration in 2019.

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.

For Make Music San José 2019, San José Chamber Orchestra is soliciting the submission of original, one-minute musical works of all genres, written by community members and inspired by San José as part of the *My San José Song* project. Submissions will be curated by the San José Chamber Orchestra and performed by a variety of musical groups in the San José City Hall Rotunda throughout the day on June 21. Creations are being actively sought from April 1 to June 1, 2019. More information is available on Facebook [@mysanjosongsong](https://www.facebook.com/mysanjosongsong) and questions should be sent to [mysanjosongsong@gmail.com](mailto:mysanjosongsong@gmail.com). *My San José Song* is part of Creative License Ambassadorship of Barbara Day Turner, San José Chamber Orchestra Music Director. Creative License Ambassadorship is a program of the San José Office of

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Cultural Affairs, through which San José artists champion the power of creative expression through creative participatory activities.

“San José residents deeply value creative expression and practice a wide array of cultural traditions.” says Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of the San José Office of Cultural Affairs. “Make Music San José celebrates music as a core part of life in our city by providing a citywide platform for residents to share their musical talents with each other.”

With free events across the city from sunrise to sunset, Make Music San José has something for everyone. In addition to performances, there will also be drop-in musical events taking place throughout the day for the musically-curious. These events include drop-in lessons, musical meet-ups, and hosted jam sessions. There is no cost to register or attend. All events are free and open to the public. Make Music San José is a program of the San José Office of Cultural Affairs.

### **About the City of San José**

*With more than one million residents, San José is one of the most diverse large cities in the United States and is Northern California’s largest city and the 10th largest city in the nation. San José’s transformation into a global innovation center has resulted in one of the largest concentrations of technology companies and expertise in the world. In 2011, the City adopted Envision San José 2040, a long-term growth plan that sets forth a vision and a comprehensive road map to guide the City’s anticipated growth through the year 2040.*

### **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.*

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