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## **MAKE MUSIC SAN JOSE 2019 RETURNS WITH OVER 100 EVENTS**

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

**SAN JOSE, Calif.**, - Make Music San José returns on Friday, June 21, 2019 for its third year with over hundred free performances and events at over 40 venues citywide. Make Music San José is part of the international Make Music Day celebration, which takes place on the summer solstice in 800 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. Interested performers and venues registered through the online platform.

With free events from sunrise to sunset, from Alviso to Almaden, Make Music San José has something for everyone. There are multiple ways to join in the fun. You can check out a band in your neighborhood or drop in at one of the interactive Play-Along events, which include drop-in music lessons, musical meet-ups, and hosted jam sessions. A searchable listing of all performances and events is available online at [www.MakeMusicDay.org/SanJose](http://www.MakeMusicDay.org/SanJose).

Looking for suggestions? The following is a sampling of 2019 Make Music San José events.

### **Summer Solstice Yoga and Sound Healing**

**Where:** San José City Hall Plaza, 200 East Santa Clara Street

**When:** 7:00 am to 9:00 am

**What:** Join Conscious San José and Be the Change Yoga for a free community yoga class of 108 sun salutations, set to live music and sound healing with musicians Father Earth and 5150 Shaman.

### **Gooood Morning San José with Mariachi Azteca**

**Where:** Paseo de San Antonio between Market and Fourth Streets

**When:** 9:00 am to 10:00 am

**What:** Wake up to summer with coffee and a serenade by Mariachi Azteca roving between the cafés located along the Paseo de San Antonio downtown.

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**Piano in the Park**

**Where:** Almaden Lake Park, 5949 Winfield Blvd

**When:** All Day!

**What:** Come out and play the piano by the lake. A piano will be at Almaden Lake Park all day for visitors to play on a first-come, first-served basis. This event is made possible with support from the Office of San José Councilmember Johnny Khamis.

**My San José Song by San José Chamber Orchestra**

**Where:** San José City Hall Rotunda, 200 East Santa Clara Street

**When:** 11:30 am to 2:00 pm, and 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm

**What:** San José Chamber Orchestra and partners will be performing original songs inspired by San José and submitted by the public as part of the My San José Song project. San José's own Jackie Gage will be closing out the day with her song "A Secret Place", which debuted at the 2018 San José Jazz Summerfest. [www.mysanjosong.org](http://www.mysanjosong.org)

**Harmonica Lessons with Aki Kumar**

**Where:** San Pedro Square Market, 87 N San Pedro Street

**When:** noon to 1:00 pm

**What:** Grab your co-workers and get out of the office for free harmonica lessons. San José blues harmonica super star Aki Kumar, known for his unique blend of blues and Bollywood, will give beginner harmonica tips and lead you in a harmonica jam. Free harmonicas courtesy of Hohner Harmonicas.

**Music Fun at Children's Discovery Museum**

**Where:** Children's Discovery Museum's Cadence Amphitheatre, 180 Woz Way

**When:** 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

**What:** Visit the instrument petting zoo, make a rhythm instrument, and groove and dance with live musical artists, including Zydeco for kids with Andre Thierry. This event will be in the outdoor Amphitheatre and does not require Museum admission to participate.

**Maori Rhythm Sticks**

**Where:** Alviso Branch Library, 5050 North First Street

**When:** 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**What:** Come join in this cultural experience! The focus will be on the rhythmic beat of traditional Maori music. Rhythm sticks will be provided for use during the program while participants learn the popular Maori Stick Game.

**Street Studios with Rey Resurreccion**

**Where:** Circle A Skate Shop, 108 Paseo de San Antonio

**When:** 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**What:** On your way to the San José Downtown Association's Music in the Park event, stop by the Circle A Skate Shop where Artist/Producer Rey Resurreccion will be recording samples from the public and remixing the tracks into a soundscape of the day.

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**JTown Artwalk****Where:** Japantown, San José**When:** 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm**What:** Come stroll through San José's Japantown and enjoy musical performances hosted by local businesses as part of the Jtown Artwalk, including Na Kolohe Kane at Santo Market, jazz and ukulele at Roy's Station, and taiko drumming throughout Japantown.**CreaTV****Where:** 255 W Julian Suite 100 or watch at CRTV30, Facebook, or You Tube**When:** 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm**What:** The public is invited to join in person or tune in for CreaTV's live broadcast of the Thrown Out Bones, an immersive swanky rock experience driven by powerhouse drummer/singer Liliana Urbain. If you can't make it in person, stream live online.**Do You Know San José? – Make Music San José Edition with the SJZ Boom Box****Where:** Meadowfair Park, Barberry Lane at Corda Drive**When:** 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm**What:** Enjoy an evening of music and games at Meadowfair Park with the San José Jazz Boom Box and Needle to the Groove Records featuring performances by Miguel Kultura, Marinero, and Valley Wolf. The San José Public Library Maker(space) Ship will also be out with music-related science experiments. This event is part of the Viva Parks Neighborhood series by the San José Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services

All events are free and open to the public. Additional events and performances will be taking place at libraries, community centers, coffee shops, parks, paseos, and even at the Mineta San José International Airport. Check out the full listing of events at [www.MakeMusicDay.org/SanJose](http://www.MakeMusicDay.org/SanJose).

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 800 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. In 2018, 78 U.S. cities organized 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. [www.makemusicday.org](http://www.makemusicday.org).*

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***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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