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» **Make Music Winter**, an outdoor participatory festival that started in New York City in 2011, is set to expand nationwide to more than 30 U.S. cities this year. New destinations include Anchorage, Alaska; Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Pittsburgh; San Diego; and Spokane, Washington.

The celebration occurs on the winter solstice, Dec. 21, turning the shortest day of the year into one of the most fun. Participants take to the streets to sing, dance and play instruments, making and sharing music of all kinds. Hosts in each city organize their own meeting places and events. For instance, in New York City, an Appalachia-themed dance-



Revelers participate in a previous Make Music Winter in New York City.

and-fiddle parade called Flatfoot Flatbush travels down Flatbush Avenue beginning at sunset. Los Angeles is hosting Bell by Bell, a parade in which conductors wave color-coded flags instructing participants when to play.

Make Music Winter is the cold-weather counterpart to Make Music Day, which is a global event celebrated in more than 120 countries on June 21, the summer solstice.

Visit makemusicwinter.org for more information. —Raelynn Sheridan



OREGON FIR HAS NOBLE ROLE

» **This year's Capitol Christmas Tree** has traced the path of the Oregon Trail and beyond in reverse, traveling from the Willamette National Forest in Oregon, where it was cut, to Washington, D.C. The 35-year-old noble fir, which is 80 feet tall, made more than 25 stops in communities along what used to be the Oregon Trail route. The tree now stands on the west lawn of the Capitol, where it is adorned with about 10,000 ornaments handcrafted by Oregonians. The tree can be seen through the duration of the holiday season.

Alaska Airlines is a sponsor of the Capitol Christmas Tree, and the airline is flying Brigette Harrington, the winner of an essay contest, to D.C. to light the tree on Dec. 5 with Speaker of the House Paul Ryan. In the contest, Oregon fourth-graders wrote about why they love their state's wilderness areas. For more information, visit capitolchristmastree.com. —Raelynn Sheridan

FROM LEFT: MAKE MUSIC WINTER; JAMES EDWARD MILLS