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**MAYOR BLOOMBERG GIVES A LIVE INTERVIEW ON GOOD DAY NY
ABOUT MAKE MUSIC NEW YORK**

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Christina Park: Let's go now to Fox 5's Julie Chang who is live at City Hall Park where she is being joined by His Honor, Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Good morning.

Julie Chang: Good morning you guys. You know, picture this: you're rocking out this weekend and you're, you know, head banging and you look over and guess who's head banging with you? Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg: Can you do that again?

Chang: You missed your cue. We rehearsed this.

Mayor: No, I was going to do this but I want to save it for Saturday because Saturday there's going to be something like 860 concerts in all five boroughs, 3200 musicians. They're going to do every kind of music all day long on one day.

Chang: Now you are one busy man but I think you really find the time to appreciate the arts. Now is that what Make Music New York is all about?

Mayor: Well I am a listener when it comes to music, not a participant. You do not want to hear me sing. You do not want to hear me play an instrument. You do not even want to see me dance as a matter of fact...

Chang: I do.

Mayor: ... but you do want to see me in the audience listening and appreciating. And this weekend- it's going to be fantastic on Saturday.

Chang: Talk about every musical genre. You get everything from the Saw Lady to the Philharmonic. And right now you're taking a look at some of the worldly music that's going to be available this weekend.

Mayor: From all over the world.

Chang: Yeah, but one thing I find really interesting is what you guys are doing over at Governors Island. You're turning it into Punk Island.

Mayor: Because you're a punk rocker deep down inside. I'm a little bit old for this.

Chang: Everyone is.

Mayor: Well I wouldn't say everyone. My 99-year-old mother...

Chang: How about a little air guitar.

Mayor: .. is probably not. We're going to have a whole bunch of- 60-odd punk rock concerts on Governors Island. They can be as loud as they want to be because there's nobody that lives there and it's far away from other places.

Chang: So let me get this straight.

Mayor: You can get over and back easily, free on a ferry from downtown- the tip of Manhattan and-

Chang: Every half hour.

Mayor: Every half an hour and it's a wonderful place, a great park, and you can walk around. Great views of Manhattan, in the summer in particular. It's going to be wonderful.

Chang: But bring your earplugs because 75 punk groups and no volume limits which I think is crazy.

Mayor: Well you just can stand a little bit further away if you're my age.

Chang: So where are you going to be rocking out?

Mayor: I am going to- one of the things I want to see is the Police Department's jazz ensemble. Believe it or not, our police department, they have a pipe and drums band, they have a regular band, they have a steel drum band. I've watched Ray Kelly play the steel drums in the West Indian Day Parade in Brooklyn and they have jazz ensemble.

Chang: City's Finest for- in all ways.

Mayor: City's Finest just doesn't stop crime, they improve culture.

Chang: I love that. I love that.

Mayor: Bet my Cultural Affairs Commissioner's going to love that.

Chang: I think that is the most...

Mayor: My Police Commissioner might not but-

Chang: ...poetic use of our public space.

Mayor: Well you- what we have to do is keep New York doing new things and you want things that not only bring tourists here but make New Yorkers proud of where they are and have things to do and get excited about their city and their country and their life. And this is going to help.

Chang: Well thank you so much for joining us this morning.

Mayor: All the best.

Chang: And I'll rock out with you on Saturday...

Mayor: Julie, thank you very much.

Chang: ...at one of the 19 block parties.

Mayor: We're going to be some place together and they'll look for us.

Chang: Yeah, and on our website, MyFoxNY.com, we're going to have a complete list of everything going on.

Mayor: As well as nyc.gov or call 311 as well.

Chang: OK, OK. Competing for face time here.

Mayor: Absolutely.

Chang: We'll send it back your way.

Mayor: Goodbye.

Park: Wonder what's on his His Honor's iPod. Thank you Mayor, thank you Julie.