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“MAKE MUSIC NEW YORK:” THE METS MEET THE MET, AND MORE
New artists and partners sign on city as gears up for festival on June 21

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June 11, 2007 – As Thursday, June 21 approaches, marking the first day of summer and the inaugural [Make Music New York](#) festival, dozens of additional artists have signed on to perform in the citywide celebration, and new partners are joining forces with MMNY to promote the event.

On Wednesday, June 20, the eve of the festival, the [New York Mets](#) are hosting “Make Music New York Night” at Shea Stadium. Artists participating in MMNY will entertain spectators in a half-hour, pre-game concert starting at 6:30 PM, as the Mets prepare to take on the Minnesota Twins. Eclectic French jazz guitarist [Sylvain Luc](#), offbeat New York-based chamber pop ensemble [Frances](#), and classical harmonica virtuoso [Jia-Ye He](#) will perform, representing just a few of the numerous genres to be heard in Make Music New York. Mezzo-soprano [Kate Lindsey](#) of the [Metropolitan Opera](#) will then sing the National Anthem to open the game.

Lindsey is one of six Metropolitan Opera singers performing in a free Make Music New York concert at the Josie Robertson Plaza/Midsummer Night Swing Stage at Lincoln Center at noon on June 21, along with Sebastian Catana, Ellie Dehn, José Luis Duval, Andrew Gangestad, and Jeff Mattsey. They will perform selections from the Met’s upcoming season, accompanied by pianist Robert Myers. The second half of the program will feature members of the [New York Philharmonic](#) in chamber works by Mozart (String Quartet in C Major, “Dissonance”) and Steven Gerber (*Spirituals*).

In addition to performing at Shea Stadium, Sylvain Luc will play in front of L’Orange Bleue (430 Broome St.) in SoHo, as part of a World Music concert featuring Moroccan master musician [Hassan Hakmoun](#) and percussionist [Jean Dumas](#) (6:00 – 10:00 PM). Jack Lang, France’s former Minister of Culture and founder of the original Fête de la Musique, is expected to attend. Frances (the band) will perform at Le Petit Versailles, a community garden/performance space at 346 E. Houston St. at Ave. C (7 PM), while Jia-Ye He will play the classics at New York Marble Cemetery, E. 2nd St. (1st/2nd Aves), also at 7 PM.

These are just a few of the hundreds of free concerts taking place on June 21. To find others, live music fans can now turn to a [dedicated website](#) created by *Time Out New York*, searching events by neighborhood, genre, starting time, and artist name/keyword. On the day of the festival, *AM New York* will include an 8-page pullout supplement listing of MMNY events, with locations, starting times, and brief descriptions. In addition, Make Music New York has been featured in [The New York Times](#), [The New Yorker](#), [Crain’s New York Business](#), [Playbill](#) (online), [WNYC-FM’s Soundcheck](#), and the French wire service, [Agence France-Presse](#), among others. Make Music New York [artwork](#), including logotype and mascot pigeon, can be downloaded from the MMNY’s website.

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