

Make Music
New York!



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**“MAKE MUSIC NEW YORK” ENCORE:
SIX HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 21st FESTIVAL
RETURN FOR NYC DOT’S “SUMMER STREETS”**

A Variety of Music, from Rock to Opera to Polish Musical Theater

Bands to play on SoHo stage for three Saturday mornings in August

New York, NY – **Make Music New York**, described by city officials as “one of the largest musical events in the city’s history,” takes place on just one day a year, June 21 — but this August, through a partnership with the NYC Department of Transportation’s **Summer Streets**, New Yorkers will have the chance to hear encore performances from six groups featured in this year’s festival.

Like Make Music New York itself, the Summer Streets performances reflect the wide diversity of musical talent NYC has to offer, from traditional Chinese music to Soul and Indie Rock, presented outdoors on the streets of New York, free and open to the public. All performances take place on a stage along the Summer Streets route at Petrosino Square in SoHo, on three Saturday mornings in August; schedule and band bios follow.

For more information about Summer Streets, please visit www.nyc.gov/summerstreets.

Make Music New York Encore: Performance Schedule

Location: Petrosino Square (corner of Lafayette and Spring Streets, SoHo)

Saturday, August 9th

10:00am - 10:30am: Manhattan Columbus Art Association (Chinese music)

11:00am - 11:30am: Phil and the Osophers (Indie rock)

Saturday, August 16th

10:00am - 10:30am: Polish Theatre Institute (Polish musical theater)

11:00am - 11:30am: Wakey!Wakey! (Indie rock)

Saturday, August 23rd

10:00am - 10:30am: Aline Vida (Soul)

11:00am - 11:30am: American Opera Projects (Contemporary opera)

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About the Musicians

The **Manhattan Columbus Art Association** gives frequent performances of traditional Chinese music, with singing, dancing, and martial arts. Formed in 2005, the group now has 75 members, both amateur and professional musicians.

Genre-bending two-piece indie band **Phil and the Osophers**, Philip R and Kevin E, combine folk, jazz, rock, and blues. The Brooklyn-based group played at After The Jump's Make Music New York showcase this year in Williamsburg. www.philandtheosophers.com

The Polish Theatre Institute in the USA is a professional, bilingual organization presenting, for the past 25 years under Nina Polan's direction, treasures of Polish music, from opera to cabaret, from drama to comedy, past and present, as well as "specials" about Poland's cultural and historical events and personalities. The group tours its fully staged productions in the US and abroad. www.poltheatreinst.com

Wakey!Wakey! is Michael Grubbs (songwriting/vocals/keys), a NYC native who blends gorgeous songwriting with a potent sense of humor to create original, heartfelt songs. His mesmerizing voice has been called "so striking it resonates around the room galvanizing everybody within earshot - both painful and beautiful in equal measure" by Joel Crane of NME magazine. www.wakeywakeymusic.com

Aline Vida is a Soul singer whose dynamic performance on the Upper West Side at this year's Make Music New York attracted a large and appreciative crowd. Aline writes songs and sings them with a distinct, powerful voice, accompanied by guitar. www.alinevida.com

American Opera Projects (AOP) will feature a collection of new songs from emerging opera composers based on the poetry of Walt Whitman. Now in its 20th year, AOP is exclusively devoted to creating, developing, and presenting new American opera and music theatre projects. AOP's current season will feature new works by composers Arvo Pärt, Stephen Schwartz and Tarik O'Regan among others. www.operaprojects.org

About Make Music New York

Make Music New York is an annual festival with hundreds of free, participatory concerts in every genre, in outdoor spaces throughout New York City, taking place on a single day. Originating in 1982 as France's "Fête de la Musique," Make Music New York had its second festival on Saturday, June 21, 2008, with 875 free performances by 3,200 musicians. Over 340 cities in 108 countries celebrate their own "Make Music" events on June 21st, the summer solstice; in just two years, MMNY has become the largest such event outside of Europe. www.makemusicny.org