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MAKE MUSIC NEW YORK 2011 ANNOUNCES COMPLETE SCHEDULE AT WWW.MAKEMUSICNY.ORG

FESTIVAL'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY BRINGS 1,000 FREE CONCERTS ON JUNE 21, 2011

Just added: Mike Doughty (Soul Coughing) to perform at City Winery

Make Music New York, the largest annual music festival in the city, announces its full schedule today at www.makemusicny.org. The festival's fifth anniversary brings a characteristically diverse and exciting array of approximately 1,000 **free outdoor concerts** in public, outdoor spaces throughout all five boroughs of the city, including parks, plazas, playgrounds, closed-off street blocks, boardwalks, a BQE underpass, and even the balconies of the New York Stock Exchange. Thanks to a partnership with the New York Public Library, MMNY's offerings in Staten Island and the Bronx have expanded, bringing the joy of outdoor music to even more city neighborhoods.

MMNY's website is simple and elegant, enabling music lovers to search for concerts by **neighborhood, venue, genre, and artist(s)**. From the top of the alphabet (A Band Called Honalee in the West Village), to the end (Zion Judah in Williamsburg), a perusal of the site uncovers tantalizing gems of every musical description. While popular locations such as Central Park and Battery Park continue to draw plenty of performers, you'll also find reggae in Rockaway Beach, Hip Hop in Staten Island, and New York's Finest (NYPD) Jazz Ensemble on the Coney Island Boardwalk. And as always, many shops and restaurants are hosting music in front of their businesses.

One of those establishments, City Winery, has just announced that indie-rock icon **Mike Doughty**, known for his solo releases and his work with the band Soul Coughing, will be performing outside the venue at 155 Varick Street in Soho. Doughty, whose songs combine pointed wit and sharp hooks, has amassed a loyal following for his live shows, and his appearance promises to be a highlight of MMNY 2011.

Other highlights include:

- Make Music New York 2011 opens at dawn in Central Park with **Yoko Ono's Secret Piece**, which calls for any number of musicians to "play a single note in the forest" until 8 am.

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- At 1:00 pm, a performance of Dutch minimalist composer **Louis Andriessen's** *Hoketus*, for two spatially-separated quintets of musicians, will begin with one group on the outdoor balconies of the New York Stock Exchange building, and another on the sidewalk at the intersection of Broad and Wall Streets.
- At Wave Hill in the Bronx (1 – 4 pm), the **Griot Summit** brings together NY's finest West African musicians and storytellers to perform on a variety of instruments in the garden throughout the afternoon. Artists include Famoro Dioubate from Guinea (balafon-marimba), Salieu Suso from the Gambia (kora-harp lute), Lankandia Cissoko from Guinea (kora), Yacouba Sissoko from Mali (kora) and many more.
- At 3:30 pm and 5 pm comes the return of last year's surprise hit event: a concert surrounding the Central Park Lake with audience members in rowboats. New York's **MATA Festival** has commissioned Australian composer **Julian Day / Super Critical Mass** to compose *Swelter*, a large-scale piece for multiple brass instruments, to be played by **Tilt Brass**.
- MMNY 2011 also sees the return of **Punk Island**, in which more than 50 bands from every corner of the punk scene play on multiple stages on Governors Island. This year, Punk Island is organized by **ABC NO RIO**, the venerable cultural hub of NYC's punk community. Since Governors Island is closed to the public on June 21st, the day of Make Music New York, Punk Island will take place two days earlier on Sunday, June 19, (11 am – 5 pm).
- Another returning favorite: MMNY's New Orleans-style **Second Line Jazz Parade**, presented this year by the Hungry March Band on Manhattan's elevated **High Line**. Starting at 6 pm on the High Line's 10th Avenue Overlook (near W. 17th St), it will parade through the park's newly opened section, arriving at W. 30th St at approximately 7 pm.
- Our acclaimed **Mass Appeal** series brings amateur and professional musicians to join forces in huge ensembles throughout the city. Be on the lookout for groups of bagpipes, cellos, clarinets, guitars, flutes, harmonicas, saxophones, trombones, trumpets, tubas, ukuleles, violas, and violins. New for 2011: **Mass Appeal Mass**, featuring noted choral conductor Kent Tritle leading a large participatory chorus in Mozart's Coronation Mass at Gansevoort St. and Ninth Avenue in the Meatpacking District. Look under 'M' in the Artist area of the schedule for times and venues.
- Featured world music events include an octet of **shakuhachi** (Japanese bamboo flute) players on Cornelia St., 5:10 – 5:40 pm; the **NY Arabic Orchestra** by the fountain in Bryant Park at 5:30 pm; and a youth **Mariachi** band, ages 7 – 17, in front of the Americas Society at 6 pm (680 Park Ave. at 68th St.).
- At 5pm, **Columbia University's Miller Theatre** will present a true highlight of Make Music New York: composer John Luther Adams's *Inuksuit* in the dramatic setting of Harlem's

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Morningside Park. Using a small army of 99 percussionists from across the country, playing conch shells, airhorns, sirens, gongs, maracas, drums, cymbals, and glockenspiels, the 70-minute work is designed to heighten New Yorkers' awareness of the sights and sounds that surround us every day. The event can be via the southwestern entrance to Morningside Park, located at the intersection of 110 Street and Morningside Drive.

For 2011, MMNY is proud to partner with **American Opera Projects, Americas Society, Carnegie Hall, City Winery, Cornelia St. Café, Darmstadt “Classics of the Avant-Garde,” Friends of the High Line, Harlem Arts Alliance, Jazzmobile, Joe’s Pub, MATA, Merkin Hall / Kaufman Center, Miller Theatre at Columbia University, 92nd St. Y, River to River/Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, Summerstage, Symphony Space, Wave Hill**, and many more. This year’s Media Partners include **Time Out New York, Metro NY, WNYC**, and **GigMaven**, a website that helps musicians and venues book, ticket and promote gigs online.

As always, Make Music New York events are **free to the public**, no tickets required. Further information on Make Music New York is available at www.makemusicny.org.

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