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**A DOZEN MUSICAL PARADES ON DECEMBER 21,  
THE FIRST NIGHT OF WINTER**

**BELLS, BOOMBOXES, BRASS BANDS, ELECTRIC GUITARS, IPHONES,  
PERCUSSIONISTS, SINGERS, STRINGS, AND MORE**

After five years of music on the longest day of the year, [Make Music New York](http://www.makemusicny.org) is excited to launch an innovative new festival this month on the longest night of the year. Inspired by composer Phil Kline's annual [Unsilent Night](#), which has drawn thousands of participants since its launch in 1992, Make Music Winter consists of [one dozen musical parades](#) in neighborhoods around NYC. Like its summer counterpart, Make Music Winter is free, outdoors, and profoundly participatory. Details on each of the parades – including starting times/locations and instructions on how to join in – can now be found at <http://www.makemusicny.org>.

Make Music Winter includes innovative new projects for [Bells](#), [Boomboxes](#), [Brass Bands](#), [Electric Guitars](#), [iPhones](#), [Percussionists](#), [Parranderos](#), [Singers](#), [Strings](#), and more. These parades draw inspiration from New York's unique geography, demography, and cityscape. The iPhone parade, called 'The Gaits,' unfolds along The High Line, using high-technology and low-tech locomotion. Astoria's sizeable Egyptian community spurred a roving Umm Kulthum Sing-Along, while the Puerto Rican Christmas tradition of the parranda is enacted in East Harlem as a group of singing musicians travels throughout the neighborhood with surprise, participatory late-night performances.

In a clever use of New York's subway system, each of the 44 platforms on the 'F' line will host a musician playing the identical piece by Bach (on various instruments), so riders on the trains will hear it every time the car doors open. And who needs instruments when the resonant cast-iron façades of Soho are available as captive percussion instruments? Read all about it at [www.makemusicny.org](http://www.makemusicny.org).

As with all Make Music New York events, Make Music Winter is **free to the public**, no tickets required.

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