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## MAKE MUSIC NEW YORK 2012 ANNOUNCES COMPLETE SCHEDULE AT [WWW.MAKEMUSICNY.ORG](http://WWW.MAKEMUSICNY.ORG)

### NEW THIS YEAR: "CHIVA" PARTY BUSES TRANSPORT WORLD MUSIC FANS TO SEVEN HOT CONCERT SITES

More than 1,000 free outdoor concerts on June 21, the first day of summer

**Make Music New York**, the largest annual music festival in the city, announces its full schedule today at [www.makemusicny.org](http://www.makemusicny.org). Now in its sixth year, the festival brings an uncommonly diverse and exciting array of approximately 1,000 **free outdoor concerts** in 424 public spaces throughout all five boroughs, including skate parks, church gardens, sidewalks, playgrounds, closed-off streets, the middle of the Central Park Lake, and the middle of Times Square. More than half of this year's concerts will take place outside of Manhattan, with concentrated offerings in Bed-Stuy, Clinton Hill / Fort Greene, Prospect Heights, Sunset Park, Williamsburg, Astoria, and Long Island City.

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 (130 And Friends in the East Village), to the end (Zvoov 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 a hip-hop block party in Brownsville, a veena summit in Flushing, two day-long rock showcases in Staten Island parks, and **Slavic Soul Party!** in the Bronx.

The website also highlights MMNY's special programs, including [Punk Island](#) (50 bands on 7 stages at Governors Island), [Mass Appeal](#) (massed groups of single instruments), Alvin Curran's [Maritime Rites](#) on the Central Park Lake, [Mass Appeal Mass](#) (a participatory Philip Glass premiere in Times Square), the itinerant [Jazz on the High Line](#) and the [Gospel Parade](#) in Park Slope, the 18-hour [Vexations on Wall Street](#), and programming by major [presenting partners](#), including **ABC No Rio, Arts Brookfield, Carnegie Hall, Celebrate Brooklyn!, Cornelia Street Cafe, Friends of the High Line, Joe's Pub, Kaufman Center, Madison Square Park**

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**Conservancy, NPR Music, Nuyorican Poets Cafe, River to River/LMCC, Scratch DJ Academy, Smoke, Times Square Alliance, Union Square Partnership, and WQXR.**

Of special note is the **MMNY [World Tour](#)**, a just-announced highlight of this year's festival. From 3PM – 8PM, a fleet of colorful, musical party buses from **Chivas Bar US**, decorated in the Colombian "chiva" style, will drive around the Upper East Side, bringing audiences from one world music location to the next.

Buses will circulate between Bomba drumming and dance by **Alma Moyó** at the Museum for African Art plaza, Ghanaian high life by **John Oko Nyaku** in Harlem, jazz by **Ibrahim Maalouf** and **Jean-Christophe Maillard** at the French Embassy, Israel's **Alon Yavnai Big Band** in Bryant Park, pan-Arabic music by the **New York Arabic Orchestra** and **Alwan Arab Music Ensemble** outside the UN, young musicians from the **Mariachi Academy of New York** and **Núcleo Corona** at an Americas Society block party, and performances at Central Park's Naumburg Bandshell, featuring the US debut of Spain's human tower builders **Castellers de Vilafranca**, Stockhausen's *Musik im Bauch* performed by **Iktus Percussion**, and Danish songs by Roger Davidson sung by the **New York Virtuoso Singers**. At the same time, traditional Colombian ensembles will play on the buses themselves, and Indian Raags will be performed live for 24 hours on WKCR 89.9FM.

Partners on the world tour include **Alwan for the Arts, Bier International, Brooklyn Raga Massive, Castellers de Vilafranca, Chivas Bar US, Consulate General of Israel in NY, Cultural Services of the French Embassy, Drom, Goethe Institut, HarmonYom, ISSUE Project Room, Mariachi Academy of New York, Museum for African Art, New York Arabic Orchestra, Núcleo Corona, Society for Universal Sacred Music, The Americas Society, and WKCR 89.9FM.**

As always, all Make Music New York events are **free to the public**. Tickets for the Chivas buses are free, but must be reserved in advance from the MMNY website. Further information on Make Music New York is available at [www.makemusicny.org](http://www.makemusicny.org).

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