Tuesday, 18 June 2019

Create NSW tunes in to expand Make Music Day 2019

Create NSW is encouraging widespread community engagement for Make Music Day (Friday 21 June 2019), having facilitated a series of events for audiences and musicians with support from Sydney Trains and TAFE NSW.

Since launching in France in 1982 as Fête de la Musique, Make Music Day is a free celebration of music around the world on 21 June which now takes place in more than 800 cities, towns and villages in 125 countries.

Create NSW Executive Director, Investment and Engagement, Elizabeth W. Scott said, “This year we’ve unlocked a range of spaces and unusual places for musicians and choirs to activate during Make Music Day 2019.

“From the National Art School in Darlinghurst, the Brett Whiteley Studio, Mortuary Station to our busiest railway concourses, the planned events are a fantastic opportunity to connect a diverse range of NSW musicians with the local community.

“Wider still, we’ve been delighted to see the groundswell of support and excitement coming from local councils, libraries and cultural institutions all rising to connect to a larger global event through local participation,” she said.

This year’s Sydney line-up includes events from TAFE NSW Eora and TAFE Ultimo and Randwick, Sydney Philharmonia Choirs, Sydney Conservatorium students, the Sydney Flash Mob Choir and even performances by the Ukulele Circus on a train travelling from the Blue Mountains to Central Station.

Commuters will also be delighted at three Sydney Trains stations as performers re-imagine familiar transport hubs around the city with musical acts.

Make Music Day Australia is initiated by the Australian Music Association and coordinated in partnership with the Live Music Office and APRA AMCOS.

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Make Music Day (Friday 21 June 2019) Sydney performances:

THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Sydney Olympic Park in partnership with Sydney Trains, Shohrat Tursun & Yaw Derkyi, 7.30am – 9.30am & 3.30pm – 5.30pm on trains between Lidcombe & Sydney Olympic Park – Commuters will be treated to a ‘Musical Express’ with musicians Shohrat Tursun (Uyghur vocalist and Dutar player) and Yaw Derkyi (Ghana, percussion and vocals).

The Ukulele Circus, 9.22am train service between Springwood and Central Station – The Ukulele Circus will be travelling and performing live music on this train services between the Blue Mountains and Central Station.

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"It's not about perfection but participation. It's great to see people sing and play together and go home with a smile on their faces." – Phil Howson, Ringmaster, The Ukulele Circus.

**Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Contemporary Music at the Conservatorium Take Over Wynyard Walk!** 10.00am – 2.00pm, Wynyard Walk, Wynyard Station – Sydney Conservatorium of Music's Contemporary Music department will take over Wynyard Walk to showcase a huge variety of new and original music.

**TAFE NSW Eora**, 10.00am – 2.00pm, Grand Concourse, Central Station – Eora students, alumni and staff will present a showcase of music at the Grand Concourse, Central Station incorporating genres from country and folk to reggae and traditional Aboriginal music.

“TAFE NSW Eora is proud to showcase Australia's history and traditions at Make Music Day and give musicians a voice to share their message and celebrate Aboriginal culture at one of the biggest global music events.” – Jasmine Robertson, TAFE NSW Arts & Media Head Teacher.

**AFTERNOON**

**Sydney Flash Mob Choir, Locomotion**, 12.30pm start at City Recital Hall, 2 Angel Place, Sydney with a take-over performance at Wynyard Walk at 1.10pm – Sydney Flash Mob Choir is inviting the public to lend their voice to a spontaneous choir performance. An energetic and inclusive gathering like no other, Sydney Flash Mob Choir is fun, free and easy to participate in – no prior experience is needed.

“An unbeatable experience for anyone who wants to, loves to and needs to…SING.” – Elaine Chia, CEO City Recital Hall.

**TAFE NSW Ultimo and Randwick, The Making of a Live Music Video**, 1.00pm – 4.00pm, Mortuary Station, Regent St Chippendale – a range of students studying screen and media, music and photography at TAFE NSW Ultimo and Randwick will participate in a live music set at Mortuary Station.

“Mortuary Station is aesthetically significant for its mix of ecclesiastical and railway architecture. Usually closed to the general public, the building will be open for guests to explore and listen to the sounds of music created by TAFE NSW students.” – Michael Rohanek, TAFE NSW Music Head Teacher.

**Brett Whiteley Studio**, Khadija Allam & Olivia Bui, 2.00pm – 2.45pm, 2 Raper Street, Surry Hills – enjoy two young and amazing musicians Khadija Allam & Olivia Bui from Eora College, after taking in the celebrated artworks of Brett Whiteley at the Brett Whiteley Studios.

**EVENING**

**Sydney Philharmonia Choirs, Pop Up Sing**, 6.00pm – 7.00pm, Cell Block Theatre, National Art School, Burton Street, Darlinghurst – this free singing workshop is your chance to join like-minded music lovers in a fun and informal setting to sing popular songs and hits. The workshop will be led by Blade Fuller, Assistant Chorus Master, Sydney Philharmonia Choirs.

“Sydney Philharmonia Choirs is very pleased to participate in Make Music Day 2019. Pop Up Sing is an event that will allow participants without any singing experience to share the joy that singing can bring.” – Hannah Mason, General Manager Sydney Philharmonia Choirs.