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NSW harmonises with Make Music Day 2020

Held on Sunday 21 June, Create NSW is encouraging communities and music-lovers to engage in this year's Make Music Day, the annual global free festival celebrating music via online events in 2020.

Launched in 1982 in France as the Fête de la Musique, Make Music Day is now held on the same day in more than 1000 cities in 120 countries around the world. It is an open invitation for everyone to perform, make, teach, learn or simply enjoy music. In 2020, celebrations will be going virtual, presenting exciting opportunities for online livestreams and performance recordings as cities and communities think differently about how to activate spaces online during COVID-19.

Create NSW Executive Director Chris Keely said "It's wonderful to hear online music events across Sydney will bring joy to audiences around the world as part of Make Music Day this year.

"Now more than ever we are aware of the power of music to connect and elevate the community. Alongside major cultural institutions and places from the Art Gallery of NSW to the Sydney Opera House to Cockatoo Island, local councils, musicians, collectives and organisations will participate in this extraordinary global online event, showcasing the diversity of music expression for all to enjoy and learn safely from their home and screens."

Art Gallery of NSW Director Dr Michael Brand said, "At a moment when it is so important to support Australian artists and performers, we are thrilled to be welcoming the talented Montaigne to the Gallery outside hours to respond to our collection and create a performance that will also be projected beyond the Gallery on our digital channels for Make Music Day."

TAFE NSW – Eora Acting Head Teacher Gabriella Dinallo said, "When TAFE NSW music students answered the call to be involved in Make Music Day, they did so with a ferocious appetite. Students from TAFE NSW Wollongong, Ultimo, Nirimba and Eora will come together to perform live at The Eora Centre's Theatre ahead of Sunday's broadcast. Working in collaboration with screen and media students from the St Leonard's and Randwick campuses, a showreel of the live performances will be streamed online for the world to see on Make Music Day. To further demonstrate the TAFE NSW wide support of Make Music Day, music students from the Newcastle campus will also pre-record live performances, adding these to the mix."

This year's line-up will include both livestreamed and pre-recorded broadcast events from Western Sydney University, TAFE NSW Eora Theatre, Montaigne at the Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney Philharmonia Choirs at the Sydney Opera House, Street University, Sydney Youth Orchestras and Synergy & Taikoz at Phoenix Central Park.

All performances will be required to adhere to NSW Health guidelines including maintaining safe physical distancing.

For more information on Make Music Day Australia and a list of online events taking place on 21 June visit the [website](#), and engage with the [global broadcast](#) on Monday 22 June 2020 AEST Time.

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

Key Sydney events on Sunday 21 June 2020

Synergy & Taikoz Meditation Marathon at Phoenix Central Park, 10am – 2pm AEST: Sixteen featured solo artists will step in and out of a four-hour meditative drone streamed from the newly built immersive performance and visual arts centre, Phoenix Central Park. Inspired by ‘slow cinema’ and influenced by the current COVID-19 crisis, the artists of Taikoz will perform on a large *rin* (temple bowl), each improvising as a duet in the space before moving on. Their combined energies will create a non-stop magical flow of sound, texture and melody. The performers invite everyone to tune in to [Phoenix Central Park YouTube channel](#) and respond in any way they choose... meditate, chant, sit quietly, dance, sing, play, or simply tune in and out as they wish.

The Music Box Project’s Sound Game Picnic at Cockatoo Island, 11am – 4pm AEST: *Sound Game Picnic* is a multi-livestream Twitch online event performed in and around Cockatoo Island for six hours. The Music Box Project will perform a series of fun, experimental games exploring sound. Each artist will be wearing a camera for online audiences to choose their view, mix, match and experience this curiously noisy picnic at home. A combined feed of all cameras can be viewed online at the [Hibernation Festival website](#).

The Music Box Project is a group of curious musicians/sound artists who specialise in exploring new contexts and formats for presenting music. They are dedicated to inventive, playful and community driven events, which like opening a real music box, surprise and delight their audience.

Western Sydney University Digital Showcase, 11am – 6pm AEST: This Sunday, student musicians and staff will launch a digital showcase presented by Make Music Australia and Create NSW highlighting over 50 unique University acts who represent the diverse and distinctive sounds of Western Sydney. Several students will also participate in a live-streamed event in collaboration with the City of Parramatta with student bands The Systems and The Groove Operators performing live as part of the [Council’s free event](#) streamed across numerous iconic venues. Watch the digital showcase [here](#).

Sydney Philharmonia Choirs: PopUp Sing! Workshop (Live) at the Sydney Opera House, 4pm AEST: Audiences are invited to be part of a virtual PopUp Sing! workshop from the Sydney Opera House. Presented by Sydney Philharmonia Choirs, participants will learn to sing the *Ode to Joy* chorus from Beethoven's Symphony No 9. The 45-minute workshop will be led by world-renowned choral conductor, Brett Weymark, accompanied by Claire Howard Race on piano and four members of the Sydney Philharmonia Choirs. The workshop will finish with a performance of the work, accompanied by the Sydney Philharmonia singers and piano.

Visit the [Sydney Opera House page](#) for more information on the workshop, including details on how to participate.

The Street University LIVE, 5pm AEST: The Ted Noffs Foundation’s Street Universities are excited to announce the official launch of The Street University LIVE, an online platform linking young artists to professionals in a collaborative, virtual setting. From 5pm, the [Street University LIVE](#) launch event will feature a livestream of artist interviews, video premieres and performances by some of the region’s finest Hip Hop and R&B artists including Youngn Lipz, NME, 21 District, Barkaa, Lisi, Cult Shotta, A.Girl, Wierdogvng, Jessica Jade, Sparrow, The Oneill Twins, Pioneers Dance Crew and more. Get your free tickets [here](#).

Sydney Youth Orchestras - Classical Karaoke, 5pm AEST: *Classical Karaoke* will connect musicians of all levels and ages from across the globe, tuning in to play an arrangement of Beethoven’s *Fifth Symphony*, conducted live by world renowned conductor Brian Buggy OAM, all in the comfort of their own homes. Register your interest on the [SYO page](#), receive your music, start practicing, and play live with musicians all over the world via the Sydney Youth Orchestras [Facebook page](#).

Art Gallery of NSW livestream performance with Montaigne, 7.30pm AEST: As part of the AGNSW's #TogetherInArt project and in celebration of Make Music Day 2020, ARIA award-winning, art pop singer-songwriter Montaigne will share a special live-streamed musical performance from the Gallery. The performance is an exploration of the unique power of art and music to bring people together as we look to the future in a post-pandemic world. Tune in to the performance [here](#).

Sydney Opera House: As part of Sydney Opera House's digital program, *From Our House to Yours*, Alaska Orchestra presents Brian Eno's 1978 landmark album, *Ambient 1: Music for Airports* in a new light, streamed live from the Joan Sutherland Theatre, accompanied by live visuals from Sydney artist Carla Zimber. Watch the live performance [here](#).

TAFE NSW Eora Theatre: The students and staff of *Music Performance and Screen and Media* across four campuses – Eora, Ultimo, Wollongong and Nirimba (Quakers Hill) – will host a day of performances online featuring a variety of music from covers and original music to solo acts and bands. Newcastle Campus will also film student performances in collaboration with Studio B Newcastle and the 'From a Distance' sessions. All performances will be pre-recorded and available to view on Sunday 21 June via the [Make Music Day Australia website](#).
