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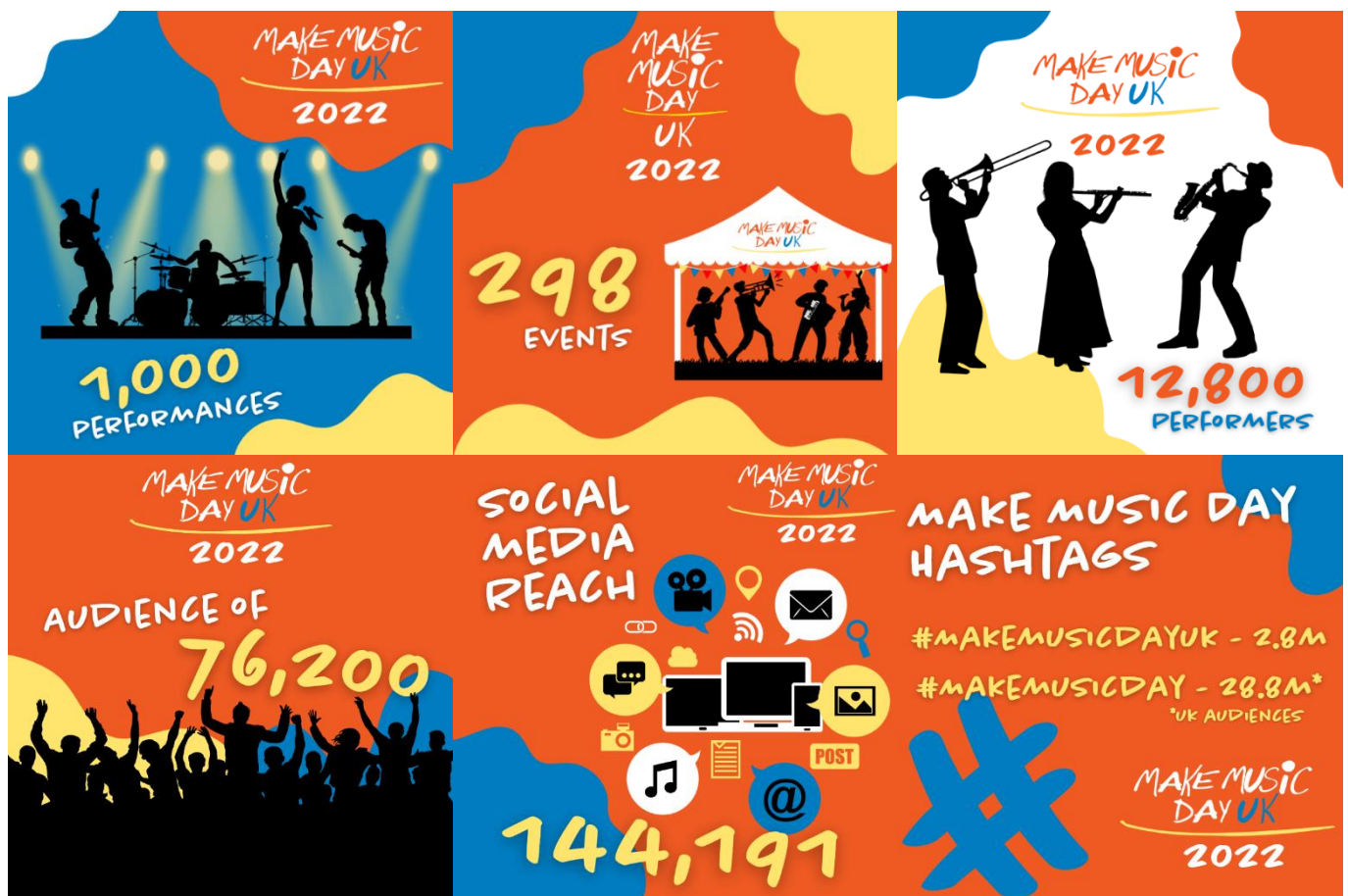
# About Make Music Day

Make Music Day is a worldwide celebration of music that takes place on 21st June every year. It is an entirely open event where anyone who wants to can take part - young and old, amateur and professional, and all genres of music are welcome. There are really only three rules to be part of Make Music Day:

**It happens on 21<sup>st</sup> June | It is free to attend and take part in | It's about music!**

Make Music Day UK's ambition is to establish the 21<sup>st</sup> June as a national and international celebration of music making in the UK. As an open-access event promoting free performances, Make Music Day UK encourages music making in the widest variety of spaces, providing an outstanding opportunity to showcase the breadth and diversity of music making in the UK to national and international audiences.

## Make Music Day 2022 – Key Numbers



## How it all started

In October 1981, Maurice Fleuret of the French Ministry of Culture, laid the foundations for a new concept:

***"MUSIC WILL BE EVERYWHERE AND THE CONCERT WILL BE NOWHERE!"***

The vision was to create a day where free, live music would be everywhere: street corners and parks, rooftops and gardens, store fronts and mountaintops. Unlike a typical music festival, anyone and everyone would be invited to play music or host performances on the summer solstice, June 21, and it would be called Fête De La Musique.

Forty years on and this concept has now spread around the world with more than 120 countries celebrating Make Music Day.



# Highlights 2022

## Return to Live

After two years where Make Music Day took on a different form due to the pandemic, it was great to see live music taking centre stage once again at Make Music Day with 85% of events being performed live. We still enjoyed some imaginative online contributions such as a 24 hour Bach-a-thon featuring the complete organ works of Bach in 24 hours and the release of a songwriting video created by the Edinburgh International Festival and Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre.



## Great Music Places

We looked for some towns and cities prepared to go that extra mile and bring their musical community together for a real celebration of music. Darlington brought together Durham Music Service, Darlington Hippodrome, The Forum Music Studios and Creative Darlington to create a great celebration of music making in Darlington. Wells Rocks worked with Wells Cathedral, Wells Cathedral School, The Blue School, Strode College and Portway Music School for their Make Music Day offering. The Business Improvement Districts in Crawley and Glasgow West End both created exciting new Make Music Day events in their localities and there were further all-day events in Chelmsford and Retford.

## Let the Children Sing

After two years where there have been precious few collective music making opportunities for young people, it was a pleasure to see a number of large-scale singing events being presented across the country. These included a Royal Scottish National Orchestra led event in Paisley Abbey, the Richard Shepherd Foundation in York Minster and Nottingham Music Hub bringing together 433 children from 18 schools for their Big Sing in the Albert Hall, Nottingham.



## Going Live

Make Music Day hosted its own live broadcast 'dropping in' on events all over the UK. From Musicians in Exile in Glasgow to Backchat Brass in Middlesbrough and Hermits at the Shed in Brentwood over 630 musicians took part in our four-and-a-half-hour broadcast showcasing the range and breadth of Make Music Day activity nationwide.

## Feedback

"It was rather good. I came for half an hour and stayed for about 3 hours!"

Retford Make Music Day



"Very positive... everyone loved it and want us to repeat next year"

The Great Gustos, A Midsummer Night's Dream Musical Extravaganza



"The experience for the children was amazing and we are all still buzzing today about it... This has done wonders to their confidence and many more children are showing interest in participating in our singing club."

Raymond Lilley  
Waterfield Primary



"Great to be part of something so much bigger than ourselves, a sense of connectedness to musicians across the nations."

The Ladies Who Love to Sing



"It provided an opportunity for us to take the choir out into the world and encourage others to make music"

Vocal Dimension



"It was definitely a catalyst to make new connections... we made small connections which then grew and then cascaded through word of mouth."

Crawley Business  
Improvement District



"It's like having another Christmas – it's in the diary every year now"

Durham Music Service



"Make Music Day was a great event for the whole town to come out and experience live music in great settings. There was something for everyone!"

Jeremy Taylor, Managing Director,  
Company Connector



We had an amazing time playing yesterday and look forward to future events!"

Nina Arguelles, Dead Beats  
(Musician)



## Make Music Day Worldwide

Make Music Day events take place in the following countries

Albania Andorra Armenia Austria Belgium Bosnia-Herzegovina Bulgaria Croatia Cyprus Czech Republic France Germany Isle of Man UK Greece Italy Kosovo Luxembourg Macedonia Netherlands Poland Portugal Romania Russia Serbia Slovakia Spain Switzerland Turkey Ukraine Algeria Egypt Israel Jordan Palestinian Territories Lebanon Morocco Tunisia Benin Burundi Burkina Faso Cameroon Cape Verde Chad Comoros Congo Cote d'Ivoire Djibouti Equatorial Guinea Gabon Gambia Guinea Kenya Madagascar Mozambique Namibia Niger Nigeria São Tomé and Príncipe Senegal Seychelles South Africa South Sudan Tanzania Togo Uganda Zambia Argentina Barbados Bolivia Brazil Canada Chile Colombia Dominican Republic Ecuador Guatemala Haiti Honduras Jamaica Mexico Nicaragua Panama Paraguay Peru Saint Lucia Salvador Suriname Trinidad and Tobago United States Uruguay Venezuela Australia Bangladesh China Fiji India Indonesia Japan Malaysia Nepal New Zealand Pakistan Philippines Singapore South Korea Sri Lanka Taiwan Uzbekistan Vanatu Vietnam



## Global Livestream Broadcast

Make Music Day UK took part in a global live broadcast in 2022 with fourteen groups taking part in a two hour live stream from the UK. In total the day involved fourteen hours of music from Australia, India, Cyprus, Nigeria the UK and the United States broadcast in partnership with the streaming platform Volume.com.



## A World of Folk

With Make Music Day taking place in so many countries across the globe, each with their own unique folk music traditions which we want to share and celebrate on Make Music Day. We invited musicians from across the world to take part in a Global Folk Challenge by swapping folk songs. Participating musicians or groups shared a folk song from their country or region, and in exchange, learned and performed a different folk song submitted by another participating musician or group. The songs were then performed and shared on Make Music Day.

## Make Music Day UK – A New Era

Since 2017 Make Music Day in the UK has been managed by Making Music – The UK's organisation for leisure-time music. Following extensive consultation with key stakeholders, it was decided to create a new independent organization to run Make Music Day to enable the event to develop it's own identity and engage with the broadest possible range of stakeholders. Make Music Day 2022 was the first event run by the new organization.

### The Make Music Day Team

**Rob Guest** – Co-director

**Paul Gudgin** – Co-director

**Sophie O'Neill** – Social Media Coordinator

**Alison Reeves** – Development Manager – Scotland

### The Board

**Barbara Eifler (Chair)** – Making Music

**Katy Spicer** – English Folk Dance and Song Association

**Darren Ferguson** – Beyond Skin

**Barney Jameson** – The Inside Story

**Stephen Tierney** – Reel Youth Media

### The Steering Group

To help facilitate the transition to the new company Make Music Day had a steering committee comprised of representatives from the following organisations:

**Music Industries Association** **Durham Music** **Musicians Union** **ABRSM** **UK Music** **ISM**  
**International Association of Music Libraries (IAML)** **NAMM Foundation** **Music for All** **Libraries Connected** **Hal**  
**Leonard Europe** **Making Music** **English Folk Dance and Song Society**

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