Making Music celebrates amateur musicians in national singing event

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Making Music celebrates Music Day with nationwide singing events

The UK's leading membership organisation for amateur musicians, **Making Music**, will celebrate **Music Day** on **21 June** with a series of concerts and workshops in England, Scotland and Wales, led by amateur musicians.

Established in 2013, Music Day UK is a nationwide event which encourages everyone to get involved with playing and listening to live music, in a wide range of venues. It forms part of **International Music Day**, which began in France in 1982 and is now celebrated in over 120 countries and 700 cities each year on the 21 June.

This marks the second year of Making Music's support for Music Day, with the charity holding events in **Cardiff**, **Edinburgh** and **London** on **Tuesday 21 June** as follows:

CARDIFF
Venue: Cardiff Central Library CF10 1FL
Time: 5.30 - 6.30pm
Affinity Female Voice Choir will lead a 'commuter come and sing' event outside Cardiff Central Library. Members will sing songs from shows and movies, with lyrics provided so anyone can join in.

EDINBURGH
Venue:The Grassmarket (West End) EH1 2JU
Time: 5.30pm - 6.15pm
Stockbridge Colonies Choir will be joined by members of Making Music choirs from across the city and beyond to sing favourite songs – and audience members are invited to sing along too. Turn up, grab a lyric sheet and raise your voice in celebration beneath the spectacular backdrop of Edinburgh Castle.

LONDON
Venue: The Beach Bar, More London SE1 2DB
Time: 12-2pm
Professional vocal coach **Janna Goodwille**, will lead a singing workshop outside City Hall. Janna has a Diploma in Community Music Workshop Skills and will lead a relaxed two hour singing session, which people can join and leave as they like.

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About Making Music

Since 1935, **Making Music** has been the membership organisation for amateur music in the UK, bringing together musicians and music groups of all genres and abilities.

We support, connect and champion everyone who makes, performs and presents music on a voluntary basis. The services we provide allow our members – ranging from symphony orchestras to samba bands – to cross the boring things off their 'to-do' lists and get on with making music.

As the voice of amateur music among policy makers and stakeholders at a national and regional level, we aim to transform lives and enrich communities across the UK through music making.

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About Music Day

Music Day is about celebrating all music making at all levels, not just the popular and profitable. It is an opportunity for people everywhere to perform, listen and join together in the enjoyment of experiencing live music. It creates shared experiences and an unusual opportunity to enjoy all styles of live musical performance for free.

In France, where it has been going strong for 24 years, Music Day takes the form of a town festival, with every town letting loose for one day, breaking the rules and allowing music into every space available**.** Established in 2013, Music Day UK is still in its infancy but shows every sign of emulating the French model in the years to come, as the number and scale of events continues to grow.

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