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FOR JUNE CALENDARS

**FREE, ALL-DAY MUSIC FESTIVAL IN PUBLIC SPACES
THROUGHOUT CITY CELEBRATES FIRST EVER
MAKE MUSIC CHICAGO**

Summer Solstice: Tuesday, June 21, 2011

*A Global Phenomenon Inaugurated in Chicago by
Rush Hour Concerts at St. James Cathedral*

The popular Rush Hour Concerts at St. James Cathedral series is pleased to inaugurate **Make Music Chicago**, a live, one-day, completely free music festival on the first day of summer. People of all ages, music of all genres, and musicians of all levels – amateurs, professionals and marquee artists – are invited to gather throughout the day in Chicago's public spaces to engage in spontaneous music-making. The festival culminates in an evening grand finale at St. James Cathedral Commons.

Make Music Chicago is inspired by France's "Fête de la Musique," a national musical holiday marking its 30th anniversary this year. Since 1982, "Fête de la Musique" has become an international phenomenon, taking place on June 21 in more than 460 cities in 110 countries, including Germany, Italy, Egypt, Syria, Morocco, Australia, Vietnam, Congo, Cameroon, Fiji, Colombia, Chile, Nepal and Japan.

Partners of the inaugural Make Music Chicago include 98.7 WFMT, Alliance Française de Chicago, the Consulate General of France in Chicago, Chicago Sister Cities International and St. James Cathedral. Comcast is the lead sponsor of the event.

Title: **Make Music Chicago**

Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2011

Time: All day: 7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Culminating grand finale concert: 5:15 – 9:00 pm at St. James Cathedral Commons

Locations: Public spaces citywide, including Daley Plaza (50 W. Washington), Chicago Cultural Center (78 E. Washington), Alliance Française (810 N. Dearborn) and St. James Cathedral Commons (65 E. Huron)

Rush Hour Concerts at St. James Cathedral is a free summer concert series that takes place Tuesdays from 5:15 – 6:15 pm, June through August, at St. James Cathedral in downtown Chicago. Designed with contemporary lifestyles in mind, Rush Hour presents artists from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Lyric Opera of Chicago, and other world-class ensembles from across the globe in user-friendly, 30-minute concerts.

To learn more about Make Music Chicago, please visit www.makemusicchicago.com, and to learn more about Rush Hour Concerts at St. James Cathedral, please visit www.rushhour.org.

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