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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S MOST EXCITING FREE AND ALL-AGES MUSIC EVENT RETURNS, UNITING INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ARTISTS WITH SPONTANEOUS PERFORMERS

World Music Day, Sunday, June 21, 2009 from 11am to 10pm

PASADENA, Calif., (June 4, 2009)- Pasadena hosts an adventurous mix of free concerts at the second annual Make Music Pasadena, a Fête de la Musique event, on the summer solstice and World Music Day, Sunday, June 21, 2009 from 11am to 10pm. The exciting festival of sound will feature over 100 amateur musicians performing in unconventional spaces while internationally known artists perform at two main outdoor stages. Held in more than 300 cities in over 100 countries, Fête de la Musique is the largest musical celebration in the world, and Pasadena, one of the top cultural and civic destinations in the Los Angeles area, is bringing this international phenomenon once again to the West Coast.

The 2009 event features an international lineup including Argentinean multi-instrumentalist Juana Molina whose alluring blend of electronica, folk and Latin beats has gained her recognition as one of the top world music artists of the millennium. Juana Molina will be performing at One Colorado in Old Pasadena alongside Portland based singer-songwriter Mirah and local alt country favorites The Whispertown 2000. The Levitt Pavilion stage will feature exciting performances from French top selling soul artist Tete, presented by the cultural services of the French Consulate in Los Angeles, Los Angeles' own Quetzal who blends an intoxicating mix of Afro-Cuban rhythms, jazz, R & B and rock. Performances on the Levitt stage will also include the soulful vocals of R&B singer Chase Allen, recipient of the 2008 John Lennon songwriting Grand Prize for R&B and the best R&B single at the 2008 Los Angeles Music Awards, as well as the lush harmonies of the Americana group Red Molly, featuring Abbie Gardner who also received the 2008 John Lennon songwriting Grand Prize in the folk category. Come early and enjoy the special Fathers Day family program with childrens reggae band Asheba, face painting clowns, roaming magicians, balloon artists and more.

During this unique event, everyone is invited to make music throughout the city on the longest day of the year. Make Music Pasadena will feature amateur musicians who will bring their musical talents to the streets. The dynamic celebration of music will showcase an incredible range of sounds and styles celebrating the diversity that is Southern California on sidewalks, in parks, courtyards, alleys, museums and other unconventional performance spaces primarily in Old Pasadena including Armory Center for the Arts, the Pasadena main library, Alliance Francaise and many more.

Fête de la Musique began in France in 1982, and originated as a way to promote music of all kinds while encouraging the public to find its own artistic talents. Fête de la Musique aims at a large audience to popularize musical practice for all ages and from all cultural and social backgrounds, and creates an opportunity to communicate and share a very special connection through music.

Make Music Pasadena is presented in part by the Old Pasadena Management District and Levitt Pavilions Free Music across America.

General Public: For more information including a complete schedule visit www.makemusicpasadena.org

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