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LOCAL MUSICIANS SUPPORTED IN GLOBAL EVENT

Local musicians, whose livelihoods were decimated during the pandemic, are being invited to apply for a share of \$90,000 as part of the annual Make Music Day event.

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Rob Stokes said that the NSW Government would offer six grants worth \$15,000 to coincide with Make Music Day on June 21.

“This is a great opportunity for local artists who have done it tough during the COVID-19 pandemic to perform in some of the state’s most popular public spaces.” Mr Stokes said.

“Audiences throughout the state will be entertained on street corners, in parks, cultural institutions, gardens and town squares.

“This funding builds on the great success of the recent Summer Fun(d) that saw live music activate public spaces across NSW.”

Make Music Day originated in France in 1982 as the Fete de la Musique and now more than 1,000 cities around the world take part.

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin said these grants will ensure that NSW artists can take part in a global celebration of music.

“NSW has an incredible calibre of live music acts to showcase to the world so we are inviting individuals, groups, bands, and more to apply,” Mr Harwin said.

“This funding will be music to the ears of local musicians and their communities, who have been robbed of so many opportunities due to the pandemic.”

Applications for the grants opened today and close on 13 May 2021.

To apply visit: <https://www.create.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-support/arts-and-cultural-funding-program/small-project-grants-make-music-day/>

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