



## OPEN CALL FOR MMNY “MUSICAL HANDSHAKES”

**Make Music New York**, a unique, free outdoor celebration called “the largest music event ever to grace Gotham” (*Metro New York*), is now accepting submissions for this year’s “**musical handshake**”: a single melody serving as the secret lingua franca for musicians on Sunday June 21st, 2009.

As part of the third annual festival, hundreds of musicians are taking part in “**Mass Appeal**” performances, playing pieces written for single types of instruments. Huge ensembles of clarinets, crotales, French horns, hub caps, violas, accordions, saxophones, and more will perform across NYC’s five boroughs.

The “musical handshake” will allow these musicians to greet one another throughout the day, beyond their own bands of instruments, with the hope that momentary handshakes will turn into longer, improvised musical conversations. In the evening, the composition will receive its public premiere at the Mass Appeal afterparty in Central Park. The winning handshake will be selected by a panel of judges and announced in May.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- A musical handshake is a short melody, up to 10 seconds long, consisting of two phrases, so that two musicians can use it to greet each other with a **call and response**.
- Nearly all instruments and all musicians - from amateurs to professionals - should be able to play the musical handshake.
- No more than two submissions per composer will be accepted.
- Entries are due by midnight on Monday, May 11th, 2009.
- Entries must be submitted in standard musical notation.
- Please e-mail submissions as PDF attachments to [musicalhandshake@makemusicny.org](mailto:musicalhandshake@makemusicny.org). Or mail your composition, on a single 8.5" x 11" piece of paper, to:

Mass Appeal “Musical Handshake”  
c/o Make Music New York  
PO Box 1164  
New York, NY 10013

- Include your name, address, phone number, and email address on the same page as your composition. (Judges will not see this information when choosing a handshake.)
- Participants must be residents of the New York City area and in attendance on June 21st.
- By submitting a musical handshake, you affirm that the composition is your own, and agree that, if selected, Make Music New York, Inc has your permission to use/exploit the work in any manner and by means of any form of media.

For further information about the Musical Handshake or about Mass Appeal, please contact Elizabeth Ferguson, Mass Appeal Coordinator, at [eferguson@makemusicny.org](mailto:eferguson@makemusicny.org) or at (510) 316-3061.