

# Fête De La Musique Brisbane

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Musicians, venues and volunteers invited to make music everywhere

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Brisbane City Council invites musicians, singers and bands to register for Brisbane's celebration of the world's largest free music event, *Fête de la Musique*.

*Fête de la Musique* – meaning celebrate music – is the world's largest international music event staged in more than 350 cities across the globe each year to celebrate the northern hemisphere summer solstice (21 June, 2011).

Now in its fourth year, Brisbane City Council's *Fête de la Musique Brisbane* is the largest celebration of the event in Australia and each year since it began has attracted around 300 registered performing acts, over 60 venues and more than 40 volunteers.

Family and Community Services Chair Cr Geraldine Knapp said *Fête de la Musique* gives everyone the opportunity to share their love of music, regardless of age, ability or music genre.

"*Fête de la Musique Brisbane* follows the international charter of the event, which is to provide free music everywhere," Cr Knapp said.

"Since *Fête de la Musique Brisbane* kicked off in Brisbane in 2008, we have seen music played for the event in unusual and surprising locations such as museums, libraries, CityCats or aboard cycle taxis.

"As the event this year falls on weekday, we hope to attract plenty of school performers or groups, as well as interesting, non-traditional music venues.

Over the past three years, *Fête de la Musique Brisbane* has provided more than 900 performing acts with a major annual gig to sound off their music talents.

Cr Knapp said Brisbane City Council had this year collaborated with New York organisers to develop and use technology specifically designed to make the registration process easier and to match-make performers with venues.

"This new technology is set to provide significant economies of scale for Brisbane City Council in its delivery of *Fête de la Musique Brisbane* and better opportunities for performers."

Established in France in 1982 and now celebrated in more than 110 countries and 350 cities worldwide including London, New York, Berlin, Rome, Sydney, Tokyo and Cairo, *Fête De La Musique* is celebrated by many musicians - whether well rehearsed or completely off the cuff - performing at cafes, terraces, streets and squares.

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Open to amateurs and professionals, artists register for an unpaid 25-50 minute slot at a registered venue.

Registrations close on 21 April 2011 with venues and volunteers required in addition to performing artists.

For more information on how to register, visit [www.fetedelamusiquebrisbane.com.au](http://www.fetedelamusiquebrisbane.com.au) or phone Council on (07) 3403 8888.

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**MEDIA PLEASE NOTE:** Photo opportunities and interviews with Cr Knapp and or musicians/artists likely to perform at Fête de la Musique Brisbane in 2011 are available on request. High resolution images of past Fête de la Musique Brisbane performances are also available on request.

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