

CONTACT: Ali Williams info@pamusicday.org 650-648-3829

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Celebrate World Music in Palo Alto Sunday June 15

Palo Alto, CA: The Palo Alto Recreation Foundation and City of Palo Alto proudly present the 6th Annual Palo Alto World Music Day on Sunday, June 15th from 3 to 7:30 pm. University Avenue will be closed to traffic to provide a festive atmosphere of music festivities for the entire family.

There's music for everyone on this traditional Dad's and Grad's Day. Over 60 professional and amateur musical groups will perform works from around the world including classical, jazz, rock, marimbas, choral, original works from singer/songwriters, children's music, Punjabi, French, Balkan, African, Funk and Rock and Roll. There's something for everyone to enjoy.

Some highlights of the 2014 World Music Day include the Palo Alto Jazz Quintet, Master percussionist, songwriter and producer James Henry and Hands on Fire; West African Hobby Drummers, Drumming Fun; Rock and Roll bands Acoustic Son, Grounds for Dismissal and Tclemente Band as well as award winning singer/songwriters Karl McHugh and Tracy Shaun. Returning musicians include the talented harpist and flutist Wind in the Strings, Punjabi Folk Dancers from the Bhangra Dance Studio and the opera performer Catherine Vincenti. Numerous children's groups will be performing including the Joanna Finnis Singing School presenting Broadway to pop; The Ling-U Music Education Foundation demonstrating Bach to modern on Marimbas and the School of Rock Summer Rock Camp entertaining the crowds with Jazz/Funk and Rock.

Palo Alto World Music Day is free and open to all. University Avenue will be closed to traffic. There are 18 locations for music with three performances in each location throughout the afternoon.

For more information, please visit <u>www.pamusicday.org</u>. The <u>full program can be found</u> online.

###

Palo Alto World Music Day, also known around the world as Fête de la Musique, is a worldwide music festival that takes place around the summer solstice. On that day, sidewalks, parks, community gardens, stores and more become impromptu musical stages for both amateur and professional musicians to showcase their talents. All concerts and performances are free and open to the public.

The Fête de la Musique began in France in 1982 and has since spread to 16 countries around the world. In the United States, World Music Day has been celebrated in New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, Vancouver and closer to home Sacramento, Pasadena, Oakland and Woodside.