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MAKEMUSIC ANNOUNCES 2012 FINALE NATIONAL COMPOSITION CONTEST

Music competition inspires student composers' creativity

Minneapolis – October XX, 2011 – MakeMusic, Inc. (NASDAQ: MMUS) has announced the 2012 Finale National Composition Contest, a partnership with the [American Composers Forum](#) and the American string quartet [JACK Quartet](#). The competition is designed for student composers who are currently enrolled in graduate and undergraduate institutions in the United States.

“We are delighted to partner with the American Composers Forum and JACK quartet,” said Karen van Lith, MakeMusic president and CEO. “The goal of inspiring student composers aligns very closely with MakeMusic’s mission, and we’re excited to hear the compositions.”

Three students from the total applicant pool will be chosen as finalists. They will each receive a cash prize and be asked to write a string quartet for JACK Quartet, which will be workshopped and performed by the ensemble in New York. One of the pieces will be chosen to receive the final prize, which includes an additional cash award and future performances by JACK Quartet.

“The Forum is thrilled with the opportunity to connect student composers with the phenomenal JACK Quartet,” said John Nuechterlein, Forum president and CEO. “They are brilliant performers with a laser-like focus on new work, and the chance to connect them with young talent is very exciting. We are grateful to MakeMusic for their generous support of the competition.”

Complete guidelines, schedules and application information can be found at the [contest website](#).

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MakeMusic[®], Inc. is a world leader in music technology whose mission is to develop and market solutions that transform how music is composed, taught, learned and performed. For more than 20 years, [Finale](#)[®] has been the industry standard in music notation software, enabling composers, arrangers, musicians, teachers, students and publishers to create, edit, audition, print and publish musical scores. MakeMusic is also the creator of [SmartMusic](#)[®] interactive software that is transforming the way students practice. With SmartMusic, students and teachers have access to thousands of band, orchestra and vocal pieces allowing students to practice with background accompaniment and get immediate feedback on their performance. SmartMusic allows teachers to individualize instruction and document the progress of every student. The [SmartMusic[®] Inbox](#)TM, an AndroidTM and Apple[®]

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mobile application, provides additional access for teachers to review, grade, and comment on student assignments. Additional information about this Minnesota company can be found at www.makemusic.com.