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MAKEMUSIC, INC. ANNOUNCES NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON MUSIC ASSESSMENT

Music education thought leaders to present and compare best practices in music assessment

Minneapolis – April 30, 2012 – MakeMusic, Inc. (NASDAQ: MMUS), creators of [SmartMusic](#) interactive music learning software for band, orchestra and voice, announced today they will partner with the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) to co-sponsor a National Symposium on Music Assessment as part of NAfME's [Music Education Week](#).

“Measuring what students have learned is not only essential to improve learning,” said Scott C. Shuler, NAfME president, “it has become increasingly important in advocating for quality arts programs and—increasingly—in teacher evaluation as well.”

Symposium attendees will include key researchers and music education leaders from across the country. Representatives from states doing exemplary work will present their ideas, and participants will have opportunities to share information to cultivate their understanding of best practices. In addition to furthering the discussion of music standards, participants will also influence the development of future SmartMusic technology that will support music programs across the United States.

“SmartMusic has always provided educators the ability to document proof of student achievement, assign practice reports, track time on-task, create and share assignments and provide online assignment libraries,” said Karen van Lith, MakeMusic CEO. “We are committed to working closely with music educators to support the assessment of statewide and district standards.”

The symposium will take place at the Baltimore Marriott/Convention Center on Sunday, June 24 and Monday, June 25 following the NAFME Music Program Leaders Academy.

Additional details can be found at <http://www.nafme.org>.

About MakeMusic, Inc.

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**® education 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**™, an Android™ and Apple® mobile application, provides additional access for teachers to review, grade and comment on student assignments. **MusicXML**™ is an Internet-friendly way to publish musical scores, enabling musicians to distribute interactive sheet music online and to use sheet music files with a wide variety of musical applications. **Garritan**™ sound libraries provide musicians with state-of-the-art virtual instruments with the playback quality of a live performance. Additional information about this Minnesota company can be found at www.makemusic.com.

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Certain statements found in this release may constitute forward-looking statements as defined in the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements reflect the speaker's current views with respect to future events and include any statement that does not directly relate to a current or historical fact. Our forward-looking statements in this release relate to the development of future SmartMusic technology and our working with music educators to support the assessment of statewide and district standards. Forward-looking statements cannot be guaranteed and actual results may vary materially due to the uncertainties for MakeMusic include, but are not limited to: (i) our ability to successfully implement product development and growth initiatives; (ii) risks relating to turnover among key personnel; (iii) our ability to maximize the benefits of recent acquisitions; (iv) market acceptance of our products; (v) the impact of changing technology on our product upgrades; and (vii) those factors described from time to time in our reports to the Securities and Exchange Commission (including our Annual Report on Form 10-K). Investors should not consider any list of such factors to be an exhaustive statement of all of the risks, uncertainties or potentially inaccurate assumptions investors should take into account when making investment decisions. Shareholders and other readers should not place undue reliance on "forward-looking statements," as such statements speak only as of the date of this release. We do not intend to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements.

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