



Contest Details & Timeline

Auditions

From May 9 to June 10, musicians are invited to download SmartMusic using a free trial code and join their city's SmartMusic classroom. Participants may practice the piece as much or as little as they like: SmartMusic automatically records every practice take.

Performers must then choose and submit their best SmartMusic recording before 11:59 PM PST on June 10, 2016. Once the entry (or "assignment") is submitted, it may not be resubmitted.

The participants with the top three scores in woodwind, brass and string for their city will advance to the Semifinals. Semifinalists will be alerted by June 13th.

Semifinals

Semifinalists will perform at the live City Semifinals on June 21st during the Make Music celebration. These musicians will compete live on stage to claim the title of City Winner in their respective categories (woodwind, brass, and strings). Each participant will perform only one take, playing with SmartMusic.

Finalists will be chosen on the spot based on their SmartMusic assessment scores.

Finals

Scores for each city's three winners will be submitted for the Finals round. The performers with the top scores in Woodwinds, Brass and Strings will be crowned the National Winners and win untold fame and glory. Winners will be announced June 22 on smartmusic.com/bumblebeechallenge.

Dates

June 10 - Local Auditions End

June 13 - Semi Finalists Announced

June 21 - Live Semifinals in Participating Cities; City Finalists Announced

June 22 - National Winners Announced by MakeMusic, Inc.

About Make Music Day

Held annually on June 21 to coincide with the summer solstice, Make Music Day is part of the international Fête de la Musique, taking place in 700 cities across 120 countries. The daylong, musical free-for-all celebrates music in all its forms, encouraging people to band together and play in free public concerts. This year, 35 U.S. cities and the entire state of Vermont are organizing Make Music celebrations, encompassing thousands of music making opportunities nationwide. Make Music Day is presented by the NAMM Foundation and coordinated by the nonprofit Make Music Alliance. For more information, please visit www.makemusicday.org.