

Beat: Music

## Today is the longest day of the year

### The FETE DE LA MUSIQUE

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**USPA NEWS** - Today is the longest day of the year, June 21, the summer solstice.

It is indeed the summer solstice. It could be either the shortest day of the year in winter, (Winter solstice) for any place outside of the tropics (Depends on the calendar).

The word solstice comes from the Latin SOL (Sun) and SISTERE (To stand still), means that at the solstices, the sun stands still in declination, which explains the seasonal movement of the sun path's (As seen from Earth) comes to stop before reversing direction. This is why it marks the day when the sun appears highest in the sky, thus the longest day.

After all these astronomical considerations, let's go back to Earth to party on such a special day. This is because it is an opportunity to celebrate music in several countries of the world, according to Initiative of France who started this celebration since 1981.

The Fête de la Musique, also known as World Music Day, is an annual music festival taking place on June 21, the first day of summer in cities around the world.

The concept The Fête de la Musique, of an all-day musical celebration on the days of the solstice was launched officially, under the auspices the French Minister of Culture, JackLang. It is the idea is to celebrate the music of all kinds at all levels (beginners, experienced, rockstars, large groups, troops village...) amateur or professional, in all the cities of France. So today in Lille, the original music was in the diffusing into the water from a municipal swimming pool. It sounds a kind of new experience techno-music. This year fans of "Game of thrones" celebrate music with medieval instruments. Whether you're a Prince, or the new Beatles, or just yourself with a bit of musical talent, the "Fête de la musique" offers to open a live concert in the street sky.

Vladimir Cosma, the famous composer of film music (The famous comedy "The Adventures of Rabbi Jacob") directs an improvised classical music live concert just before the performance of winner of Eurovision 2014, Conchita Wurst and other guest stars in the city of Montpellier at Place Comédie (south of France). If you stroll in Paris, you could vibrate with Rocky (Passionate of Baggy sound) Odezenne (Symphonic Hip Hop) GriefJoy (Electro-Rock), or if you prefer the melomania of the Orchestre de Paris (Classic) at Pyramid of the Louvre, or you feel spiritual with choirs Paris at Notre Dame de Paris Cathedral, unless Massi DJ Cheb Didine, Global Gnawa make you wiggle the Institute of the Arab World.

It is a festival both popular and friendly to announce the beginning of the summer and finish the school year in style for young and old on a sunny day. This event, which began in the 80s, has made emulated around the world to become a rendezvous of international stature, now inevitable, like New Year celebration; Across more than 460 cities in 110 countries through Germany, Italy, Australia, via the Congo, Cameroon and even to Nepal. The slogan was also democratized in French "Faites la Musique" (Make Music) homophone synonymous of "Fête de la Musique".

So if you have even minimal talent, and you want to bang on pots and pans, get out from the kitchen and sit in the corner of the street, it is free to break the ears of the audience passing out ; or whether you really talently perform, and you might get noticed by a major label or at least get audition to play in Star Academy.

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