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New music tradition hits a high note in Madison



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It's taken over Paris, New York City and now, it's taken over Madison.

A new music tradition is hitting a high note with local residents.

"Make Music Madison" is a one-day event involving over 200 artists, playing over 200 shows, at over 100 venues across the city.

Elizabeth Simcock, one of the event's organizers, says the event is based on a popular music event in Paris.

"It's total musical anarchy for the day and it's just amazing" Simcock tells NBC 15.

Residents turned out from sunrise to sunset on Friday to listen to every type of music. From parks, to neighborhoods, to private

houses, music was everywhere, performed by anyone.

"This has just been an amazing response that we've had. In our first year ,we've had more concerts than Chicago, Denver, all of these big cities. And Madison's just taking this in" Simcock says.

Robert and Barbara Herbsleb made a day of the event, stopping by several venues.

"Music does a lot for the body and the soul" says Barbara Herbsleb.

And folks didn't just get to listen to music. At some venues, folks could even join in. like Margaret Rubio and her son did, learning to beatbox, at Lussier Community Education Center.

"I don't know a lot about the music scene, but I like to get out there and he's always dancing and singing" says Rubio.

If you missed this year's event, don't worry too much. Based upon the overwhelmingly positive response, 'Make Music Madison' will likely be back for more, next year.

Donations are being accepted to help pay for the event. To find out how to contribute, head to www.makemusicmadison.org

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