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Guitars Not Guns Contra Costa County Chapter Celebrates Art in the Park, Burg Park, Richmond, CA and International Make Music Day with a Free Concert – SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Richmond, CA – <u>Guitars Not Guns Contra Costa County Chapter</u>, is thrilled to announce its participation with North & East Neighborhood Presents in the global celebration of music, <u>Make Music Day</u>, with a free concert featuring our talented students. Join us at Burg Park, located at 30th and Clinton in Richmond, on Saturday, June 21, 2025, for an afternoon filled with music and joy!

<u>Make Music Day</u> is a worldwide event celebrated on the longest day of the year, bringing together musicians and music lovers in over 2,000 cities. Inspired by France's Fête de la Musique, this one-day festival offers free live performances and opportunities for everyone to engage in music-making.

Our concert will showcase the hard work of our beginning and intermediate students, along with their instructors. The performance will feature <u>The Breedloves</u>, a professional acoustic duo comprised of our organization's President, Barbara Gorin, and Vice President of Special Projects, Jay Kirkland, who will be performing alongside our students between 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM. In addition to live music, attendees can enjoy artist booths, face painting, and art activities. Be sure to stop by our <u>Guitars not Guns</u> booth and see our instrument petting zoo. There will also be delicious food vendors. Artist booths are still available. Email: northandeastevents@sonic.net for information and application.

"Our students put in an incredible amount of effort to learn the guitar, and performing in front of a live audience is an unforgettable experience for them," said Barbara Anne Gorin, Director/President of Guitars Not Guns Contra Costa County Chapter. "Music not only enriches lives but also strengthens social connections and promotes well-being."

By participating in <u>Make Music Day, Guitars Not Guns Contra Costa County Chapter</u> and the North & East Neighborhood of Richmond encourage everyone to embrace music in all its forms. Music has been shown to enhance social connectivity, reduce stress, lower blood pressure, stimulate memory, and contribute to a fulfilling life.

About Make Music Day:

Held annually on June 21 to coincide with the Summer Solstice, <u>Make Music Day</u> is part of the international Fête de la Musique, taking place in more than 2,000 cities around the world. This day-long celebration of

music encourages individuals to come together and participate in free public concerts. This year, over 150 U.S. cities and entire states, in addition to California, including Connecticut, Hawaii, Missouri, North Carolina, Texas, Vermont, and Wisconsin, are organizing Make Music celebrations, offering thousands of music-making opportunities nationwide. Make Music Day is presented by The NAMM Foundation.

As part of this celebration, the <u>National Association of Music Merchants</u> (NAMM) and its members, including <u>Guitars Not Guns</u>, are joining communities nationwide to promote music-making. June 21 is the perfect opportunity to check out your local music store or to come together to play music, whether for the first time or the thousandth.

About Guitars Not Guns:

<u>Guitars Not Guns, Inc.</u> is a federally exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides guitars and lessons to foster kids, at-risk youth, and other deserving children aged 8 to 18. Our mission is to offer a safe, supportive environment where no child is turned away for lack of funds. We are anti-gun violence, especially in schools.

Join us for this exciting event! Guests are encouraged to arrive early. For more information about the event or to make a tax-deductible donation, please contact:

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