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Region celebrates Make Music Day



Jampson Jubilee performs at the Whale Tail Stage in New London on Monday, June 21, 2021, as part of Make Music Day.

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From the Whale's Tail in New London to Norwich's Artreach Inc., Make Music Day brought song and dance to Southeastern Connecticut on Monday, June 21, 2021.

Organized locally by the Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition, the 10th annual event is a worldwide celebration of those who create, play, listen, sing and dance. More than 15 local sites hosted a variety of music performances during Monday's event.

At the Whale Tail stage in New London a small crowd enjoyed their lunch as Jampson Jubilee played through the lunch hour. A singalong at Bill Memorial Library in Groton by Miss Mary-Jane and friends brought out the dance moves and egg shakers. At Artreach Inc., a volunteer led percussion classes as participants tried out the tambourine and cowbell.

Helen Sakellarides was one of the participants in the Norwich non-profit's Finding your Groove Program.

"I wasn't expecting to do this today, I didn't even know it was happening," she said.

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Sakellarides was getting her car serviced at a nearby dealership when she heard the music and decided to join in instead of waiting in the dealership lobby.

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