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MTA Music Under New York's 18th Annual Live Audition

The MTA Arts for Transit's 18th Annual Music Under New York (MUNY) Audition is being held today in Grand Central Terminal Vanderbilt Hall. This year's event presents over 70 musicians who are performing in front of a live audience in a day-long marathon concerts. MUNY performers act in over 25 MTA transit locations in New York.

"Each year, the MUNY audition brings new talent to increase the attractiveness of our facilities for millions of our customers," said MTA Chairman, Peter S. Kalikow. "Music Under New York provides appealing entertainment to enhance the quality of traveling in the MTA transit system."

The MUNY Audition is divided into two parts: a morning session from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and an afternoon session from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A panel of judges, chosen for their expertise in the field of music and performing arts, will select the artists for this program through a competitive process based on quality, variety, and appropriateness for transit environments.

The audition will present performances ranging from blues to jazz; Native American to flamenco dancers; hip hop to classical; country to bluegrass; rock to funk as well as mariachi to African drums. The acts were selected by a talent committee from over 150 submissions.

Music Under New York is one of the many visual and performing art programs directed by MTA Arts for Transit. MUNY offers over 150 performances each week in transit locations. For more information, you can log on to www.mta.info.