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Record Set In Greenwich Village For Largest Keyboard Ensemble

Event Was A Kickoff For The Make Music New York Festival

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NEW YORK (CBSNewYork) - A world record was set in Greenwich Village on Friday.

A total of 175 people, both professional and amateur, tickled the electronic ivories, setting a new Guinness World Record for largest keyboard ensemble, WCBS 880's Marla Diamond reported.

They played Pachelbel's Canon in D simultaneously for more than five minutes out on Cornelia Street.

The world record for Largest Keyboard Ensemble is broken in Greenwich Village – June 21, 2013 (credit: Marla Diamond / WCBS 880)

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WCBS 880 reporter Marla Diamond...

The previous record was set last year in Sri Lanka with 160 keyboards.

"I feel like very accomplished, like I feel like I actually feel like I could really open up the book of Guinness World Records and see my name there and feel proud of myself. Like, it's just so exciting," said Michael Johnson, a sophomore at the Brooklyn [School](#) for Global Studies, who helped break that record.

"It's something that these [kids](#), when they become grandparents will open that up and they'll see their name and it's such a prestigious documented book," said Michael Carlotti, a band instructor at the School for Global Studies. "So it's great."

The keyboards were donated by [Yamaha](#) and will go to 19 city schools.

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“Music is really a powerful thing and more people need to play it,” said Yamaha’s Mark Anderson.

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The record breaking event was a kickoff for the Make Music New York festival, now in its seventh year.

“The goal is to make it like a musical holiday, like Halloween, where everyone can just come outside and make music together on the streets,” festival founder Aaron Friedman told Diamond.

The festival features over 1,000 free concerts in a single day. Check out [its website](#) for a schedule.

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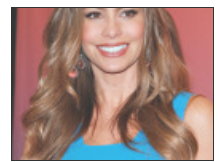


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