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**MAKEMUSIC, INC. AND HAL LEONARD CORPORATION
ANNOUNCE JOINT DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

*Agreement dramatically increases offering of contemporary songs for
SmartMusic featuring the world's most popular music*

Minneapolis – March 5, 2012 – MakeMusic, Inc. (NASDAQ: MMUS), creators of [SmartMusic](#) interactive music learning software for band, orchestra and voice, today announced it has signed an agreement with Hal Leonard Corporation, the world's largest music print publisher.

Under the agreement terms, MakeMusic will dramatically expand its SmartMusic music library to include many of the most popular songs of the 20th century and today's contemporary hits. For the first time ever, those songs will be available for purchase from within the SmartMusic application.

“This agreement represents a new era of joint development between the Hal Leonard Corporation and MakeMusic,” said MakeMusic CEO Karen van Lith. “This new, pay-per-title business model will enable current SmartMusic subscribers, and future music-makers, to practice and perform their favorite pop compositions within SmartMusic.”

Van Lith also notes that the Hal Leonard partnership further positions SmartMusic as the category leader, allowing MakeMusic to more deeply penetrate the large and growing community of music makers everywhere.

Hal Leonard President Larry Morton said, “We're proud and pleased to provide many of the world's most popular, best-loved songs for MakeMusic to offer its SmartMusic subscribers under an exciting new business model. We're closely integrating our production processes which will benefit both companies, our songwriters, publisher partners and student musicians alike.”

Hal Leonard represents in print many well-known artists including Adele, Aerosmith, The Beatles, Justin Bieber, Mariah Carey, Eric Clapton, Kelly Clarkson, Coldplay, Jimi Hendrix, Elton John, Christina Perri, Tom Petty, Pink Floyd, Elvis Presley, Queen, Taylor Swift, Justin Timberlake, U2, The Who, Stevie Wonder and hundreds of others, plus the music of Irving Berlin, the Walt Disney Company, Glee, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Motown and Rodgers & Hammerstein.

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SmartMusic is used by more than 10,000 schools, colleges and university music programs in North America. For more than 14 years, educators and students have loved how SmartMusic software has provided a powerful, unique music-learning experience.

More details about SmartMusic can be found at <http://www.smartmusic.com>.

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About Hal Leonard Corporation

Founded in 1947, Hal Leonard Corporation (www.halleonard.com) is the world's largest music print publisher and digital content provider, producing songbooks, sheet music, educational publications, reference books, DVDs, tech products, magazines, eBooks, digital sheet music, apps and more. In its more than 200,000 available publications and products, the company represents many of the world's best known and most respected publishers, artists, songwriters and arrangers. Hal Leonard is headquartered in Milwaukee, WI and also has domestic offices in Winona, MN; New York; and Nashville; and offices abroad in Australia, Belgium, China, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

About MakeMusic, Inc.

MakeMusic[®], Inc. is a world leader in music technology whose mission is to develop and market solutions that transform how music is composed, taught, learned and performed. For more than 20 years, **Finale**[®] has been the industry standard in music notation software, enabling composers, arrangers, musicians, teachers, students and publishers to create, edit, audition, print and publish musical scores. MakeMusic is also the creator of **SmartMusic**[®] education software that is transforming the way students practice. With SmartMusic, students and teachers have access to thousands of band, orchestra and vocal pieces allowing students to practice with background accompaniment and get immediate feedback on their performance. SmartMusic allows teachers to individualize instruction and document the progress of every student. The **SmartMusic Inbox**[™], an Android[™] and Apple[®] mobile application, provides additional access for teachers to review, grade and comment on student assignments. **MusicXML**[™] is an Internet-friendly way to publish musical scores, enabling musicians to distribute interactive sheet music online and to use sheet music files with a wide variety of musical applications. **Garritan**[™] sound libraries provide musicians with state-of-the-art virtual instruments with the playback quality of a live performance. Additional information about this Minnesota company can be found at www.makemusic.com.

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Certain statements found in this release may constitute forward-looking statements as defined in the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements reflect the speaker's current views with respect to future events and include any statement that does not directly relate to a current or historical fact. Our forward-looking statements in this release relate to expanding our SmartMusic library to include popular songs and making them available for purchase within the SmartMusic application. Forward-looking statements cannot be guaranteed and actual results may vary materially due to the uncertainties for MakeMusic. These include, but are not limited to: (i) our ability to successfully implement product development and growth initiatives; (ii) risks relating to turnover among key personnel; (iii) our ability to maximize the benefits of recent acquisitions; (iv) market acceptance of our products; (v) the impact of changing technology on our products; and (vii) those factors described from time to time in our reports to the Securities and Exchange Commission (including our Annual Report on Form 10-K). Investors should not consider any list of such factors to be an exhaustive statement of all of the risks, uncertainties or potentially inaccurate assumptions investors should take into account when making investment decisions. Shareholders and other readers should not place undue reliance on "forward-looking statements," as such statements speak only as of the date of this release. We do not intend to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements.