Kate Wilkinson
Executive Director, National Music Day Foundation

Kate Wilkinson is the Executive Director of the National Music Day Foundation, a coalition dedicated to bringing International Music Day to the United States through free, live, publicly accessible music performances on June 21. The U.S. joins over 110 countries and 460 cities in celebrating International Music Day on the summer solstice. In 2013, organizations in 24 cities have committed to celebrating the day, from local church choirs and community jazz groups, to chambers of commerce and radio stations.

In addition to working with local partners, Kate is focused on developing national level partnerships with key music stakeholders. Kate joined the National Music Day Foundation a year ago after managing a grants portfolio and developing strategic co-funding partnerships at the Skoll Global Threats Fund.

Prior to moving to San Francisco, Kate was based in New York City where she worked with the Clinton Global Initiative, first as a fellow on the Climate and Energy Commitments team and then as a Senior Associate with the Knowledge Management and Evaluation team. She worked in fundraising for several years internationally, in Guatemala and Paris, and in addition to her formal positions at various non-profits, Kate also started a small social business, dedicated to importing and selling fashion accessories from an artisan group in Zambia. All proceeds go back to running the school and training programs.

Kate holds a Masters in Public Administration from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and a Bachelors in International Development from the University of Connecticut.