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Hark the Herald Solstice: Music Marks the Season

At 8:38 a.m. on Thursday the sun will hit the Tropic of Capricorn, and at that moment at the World Financial Center an original composition, "Winter Music," will welcome the end of the longest night and the arrival of longer days.

The celebration of the Winter Solstice consists of a concert of Japanese melodies that will be performed on the shakuhachi, a Japanese bamboo flute. James Nyoraku Schlefer



(left), will conduct the shakuhachi orchestra as it heralds the "rebirth of light after the longest night of the year." The musical performance will be repeated at 12:15 p.m. and the orchestra will be joined by a dance performance by Rebecca Stenn and Trebien Pollard.

Winter Solstice Celebration; Thursday, 8:38 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.; Winter Garden of the World Financial Center, West Street between Vesey and Liberty Streets; free; (212) 945-0505.