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Houston Maker Faire Celebrates 5th Anniversary

A Call for Makers, Inventors, Creative Minds

HOUSTON, TX, July 6, 2017 - Innovation Spark announces a Call to Makers for the 2017 Houston Maker Faire, a family friendly event that kicks off its 5th anniversary celebration with the opening of registration at the new website, <http://houston.makerfaire.com>. This year's event is October 21-22, 2017 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, TX.

"The 5th Annual Houston Maker Faire is the largest showcase of the talent, creativity and innovation within the Greater Houston Area. It is the only event you can find such a diversity of ideas and innovations all at the same time, while also gaining knowledge on how to become a maker yourself," said David Brunet, President – Innovation Spark.

Now the fourth largest maker faire in the country that entertains, informs, connects and grows the Makerspace community. From engineers to artists to scientists to crafters, Maker Faire is a venue for these "makers" to show hobbies, experiments and projects. All are welcome to register at <http://houston.makerfaire.com>

Houston is a featured fair joining San Mateo, New York, Detroit, Atlanta, Tokyo, Paris, Rome, Oslo and a few others as home to a large scaled event. Special thanks to the wonderful local community for supporting its growth. Continuing the tradition this year are the following sponsors: Houston Community College, Make Media, DLZP Group, Home Advisors, Children's Museum of Houston and Chevron.

For more information and maker registration, please visit <http://houston.makerfaire.com>

For sponsorship opportunities, please email sponsors@innovation-spark.org

About Maker Faire

Maker Faire is the Greatest Show (and Tell) on Earth – a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, and a celebration of the Maker Movement. It's a place where people show what they are making, and share what they are learning. Makers range from tech enthusiasts to crafters to homesteaders to scientists to garage tinkerers. They are of all ages and backgrounds.

The original Make Faire event was held in San Mateo, CA, and in 2017 celebrated its eleventh annual show with some 1100 makers and 130,000 people in attendance. World Maker Faire

New York, the other flagship event, has grown in four years to 600+ makers and 80,000 attendees. Kansas City, Detroit, Atlanta, Milwaukee, Orlando, Silver Spring, Paris, Rome, Oslo, Trondheim, Tokyo, Newcastle (UK), and Shenzhen – and now Houston - are the home of larger-scale “featured” Maker Faires and over 120-community-driven, independently organized Mini Maker Faires are now being produced around the United States and the world.

About Innovation Spark Inc.

A 501(c)3 non-profit educational organization aimed at fostering maker innovation, create a thriving, sustainable future by advancing and connecting Houston makers – a vibrant community of tinkerers, tech enthusiasts, artists, educators, youth makers, hobbyists, science clubs, students, and entrepreneurs. Innovation Spark works with educators and the local community to promote and facilitate youth maker programs and professional development for educators in making to connect makerspaces and the maker institutions (schools, businesses, civic groups) that create the innovation economy. Innovation Spark produces 2 yearly signature events: Houston Maker Faire and the Comicpalooza Makerspace. For more information, please visit www.innovation-spark.org

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