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## **Boston Children's Museum Announces Third Annual Boston Mini Maker Faire**

*Maker Applications Now Being Accepted For Two Day Event*

**BOSTON, MA – June 26, 2018** – Boston Children's Museum will host the third annual Boston Mini Maker Faire in collaboration with Maker Media and CBS Boston as well as partners Artisan's Asylum, NE First, Boston Public Schools, and the City of Boston. This year's event will expand to two days, and will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 inside and outside Boston Children's Museum on Fort Point Channel. In 2017 over 100 makers participated, sharing their science, technology, craft, art, performance, and music creations with over 2,000 visitors.

Maker Faire is equal parts technology expo, craft fair, science fair, fringe festival, and something completely unique and new to the city of Boston. Maker Faire is an all-ages celebration of creative ingenuity in all its forms. The maker movement, inspired by the desire to create and invent, is fueled by cutting edge technology of the new millennium including 3D printers, robotics, laser cutters, electronics kits, desktop machine tools, and many more fabrication tools, while incorporating artistic and craftsmanship traditions such as blacksmithing, sewing, print making, carving, sculpting, and painting. By showcasing the practices of making, old and new, the maker movement celebrates learning through doing, and the spirit of sharing.

“Our objective is to have 150 makers at this year's Faire. It is a tremendous opportunity for makers to share their creations, talents, and ideas, and to get exposure for their products,” said Neil Tembulkar, Faire Project Manager. Makers include technologists, educators, designers, hobbyists, engineers, artists, students, performers, craftspeople, and corporations. While there are many returning makers from previous years, the Boston Mini Maker Faire has opened applications for more makers to participate this year. Boston has always been a hotbed for ideas, innovation, and cross-collaboration. The Boston Mini Maker Faire is looking for new start-up companies, organizations, non-profits, makerspaces, university and high-school students, and maker enthusiasts to share their work and apply to be a maker at this year's Boston Mini Maker Faire. Applications can be submitted by visiting [Boston.MakerFaire.com](http://Boston.MakerFaire.com)

Maker Faire sponsors, who help make the event possible, include [BNY Mellon](#), Google, [MathWorks](#), and [National Grid](#). With the support of these and other sponsors, the Museum has been able to expand the Faire in year three to a 2-day event that inspires an even wider range of families, educators, kids of all ages, and anyone who likes to tinker, imagine, and create. Corporations interested in Maker Faire sponsorships should visit <http://boston.makerfaire.com/contact/>

“Maker Faire is a fantastic opportunity for a community to recognize the innovators in their community,” said Sabrina Merlo, Managing Director, Maker Faire. “Makers from all disciplines—craft to art to science to deep tech—are available for conversations and questions.

It's a surprisingly inspirational experience for adults and students alike, to have such easy access to creatives and their methods. We are thrilled that Boston Children's Museum makes this Maker Faire possible for the city of Boston.”

[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 aim of Maker Faire is to entertain, inform, connect and grow this community.

The original Maker Faire event was held in San Mateo, CA and in 2018 celebrated its thirteenth annual show with some 900 makers and 90,000 people in attendance. World Maker Faire New York, the other flagship event, has grown in six years to 900+ makers and 95,000 attendees. Forty larger scale Maker Faires occur in cities around the world—Berlin, Paris, Rome, Tokyo, and Shenzhen to name a few—and over 170 community-driven, independently organized Mini Maker Faires are now being produced **in the United States and 40 other countries around the world.**

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For additional information visit <http://boston.makerfaire.com/> and [BostonChildrensMuseum.org](http://BostonChildrensMuseum.org)

**About Boston Children's Museum**

Boston Children's Museum engages children and families in joyful discovery experiences that instill an appreciation of our world, develop foundational skills, and spark a lifelong love of learning. More information about Boston Children's Museum can be found at [www.BostonChildrensMuseum.org](http://www.BostonChildrensMuseum.org). Become a fan of the Museum on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#)

**Hours and Admission**

The Museum is open daily from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Fridays until 9:00 p.m. Adults, \$17, children (1-15) and senior citizens, \$17; children under 12 months and Museum members are always free. Fridays 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., all visitors \$1.

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