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**Inaugural Jacksonville Mini Maker Faire on April 7 at MOSH**

*“Make, create, craft, recycle, build, think, play and be inspired by celebrating arts, crafts, engineering, food, music, science and technology.”*

**JACKSONVILLE (March 26, 2018)** – The inaugural Jacksonville Mini Maker Faire is Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Museum of Science & History (MOSH). 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.

Makers range from engineers to artists to scientists to crafters to garage tinkerers. They are of all ages and backgrounds. “The aim of Maker Faire is to entertain, inform, connect and grow this community,” said Maria Hane, President of MOSH. “Jacksonville Mini Maker Faire is a celebration of creativity and ingenuity in and around Jacksonville. It is an incredible showcase for imagination, invention and hands-on technical skills and a wonderful blend of art and science.”

In addition to the Maker showcase, the day features special MOSH programming including EARTH, MOON & SUN (Bryan-Gooding Planetarium) an adventure in space with the truth behind some common misconceptions about our Earth and its relationship with the moon and sun; INVERTEBRATE ENCOUNTERS (VyStar Intertidal Touch Tank) Explore the sea creatures that reside in the VyStar Intertidal Touch Tank; STEPPING INTO THE FRAME: VIRTUAL REALITY ART EXPERIENCE by Evin Schmidt (Maker); DANCE OF LIGHTS: A FAMILY FRIENDLY COSMIC CONCERT; HOP, WALK, SLITHER (Florida Naturalist’s Center) Discover the secrets of animal movement; coffee labs with BOLD BEAN COFFEE; and performances by JOHN GUINTA and 2FYE OCTOPI (Stage).

Tickets to the Jacksonville Mini Maker Faire are on sale! Ticket prices include: Adult \$10; Children (3+) \$5 and Children (Under 3) FREE. To purchase tickets, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jacksonville-mini-maker-faire-2018-registration-37556138421>. For more information, please visit [jacksonville.makerfaire.com](http://jacksonville.makerfaire.com) or call 396.MOSH (6674).

Jacksonville Mini Maker Faire is sponsored by Make: Makezine.com; Northeast Florida Regional Stem<sup>2</sup> Hub; Stellar; Sylvan Learning – Ponte Vedra Beach, FL; Pelocity; Dorado Graphix LLC; Eco Relics; City of Jacksonville; Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville and the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.

Follow the development of the Jacksonville Mini Maker Faire on Twitter @jaxmakerfaire, Instagram @jaxmakerfaire, as well as on its Facebook fan page at <https://www.facebook.com/JaxMakerFaire>.

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### **About MOSH**

The Museum of Science & History (MOSH) is located at 1025 Museum Circle near Friendship Fountain Park. MOSH, first chartered in 1941, inspires the joy of lifelong learning by bringing to life the sciences and regional history. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Thursday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$12.50 for adults; \$10 for youth, students, active and retired military and seniors. There is no admission fee for children 2 and under or Museum members. Learn more at [www.themosh.org](http://www.themosh.org).

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