

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **PORTLAND MINI MAKER FAIRE AT OMSI BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER** *Record-setting number of participants will introduce attendees to new ways of making, while old favorites return across OMSI's campus*

**WHAT:** OMSI is hosting the sixth-annual Portland Mini Maker Faire, a family-friendly showcase of creativity and cool DIY technology. The Portland Mini Maker Faire's 150+ exhibitors will run the gamut from demonstrations of 3D printers and steampunk computers; to rocket-making, sustainable art and much more.

**WHEN:** Saturday and Sunday, September 16 and 17, from 9:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The event will take place throughout the OMSI campus, in the north parking lot and inside the museum.

Media interested in attending / covering the event can RSVP to John Farmer, [jfarmer@omsi.edu](mailto:jfarmer@omsi.edu) or 503.797.4517.

For more information on the event visit [www.portland.makerfaire.com](http://www.portland.makerfaire.com).

#### **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 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 2016 celebrated its eleventh annual show with some 1,250 makers and 150,000 people in attendance. World Maker Faire New York, the other flagship event, has grown in five years to 900+ makers and 90,000 attendees. Twenty-three other larger scale Maker Faires occur in cities around the world—Detroit, Atlanta, Berlin, Paris, Rome, Tokyo, and Shenzhen to name a few— and over 120 community-driven, independently organized Mini Maker Faires are now being produced [around the United States and the world](#).

#### **About MAKE Magazine**

[MAKE](#) is the first magazine devoted entirely to Do-It-Yourself (DIY) technology projects. MAKE unites, inspires, informs, and entertains a growing community of resourceful people who undertake amazing projects in their backyards, basements, and garages. MAKE celebrates your right to tweak, hack, and bend any technology to your will.

The Portland Mini Maker Faire is independently organized and operated under license from Maker Media, Inc.

#### **About OMSI**

Founded in 1944, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) is one of the nation's leading science museums, a world-class tourist attraction, and an award-winning educational resource for the kid in each of us. OMSI operates the largest museum-based outdoor science education program in the country and provides traveling and community outreach programs that bring science learning opportunities to schools and community

organizations in nearly every county in Oregon. OMSI is located at 1945 SE Water Avenue, Portland, OR 97214. For general information, call 503.797.4000 or visit [omsi.edu](http://omsi.edu).