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## **Jam-Packed Weekend of Fun Planned for Balboa Park’s Maker Faire *Featuring Local, Regional and International Makers***

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 (San Diego, CA)**—[Maker Faire San Diego](#) takes over Balboa Park October 7-8, 2017. Artists, creators, engineers and do-it-yourselfers of all kinds will fill the venues of the Park, inside and out. Two days, nine participating venues, robots, drone battles, soldering, food trucks, competitions, crafting, and lasers and that’s only the start!

“There is a greater variety of things to see and do hands-on than ever before,” says Cody Nelson, Director of Events and Public Programs for the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership, which runs Maker Faire San Diego. “We have local makers coming, plus makers from around the country and even internationally.”

Event-goers of all ages are encouraged to “complete the circuit” by visiting all nine of the venues. That’s right—[Maker Faire San Diego](#) includes admission to six of the legendary park’s museums, backstage at one theater and two outdoor venues. Here are just a few of the over [250 makers](#) attending this year’s event:

- [3Dynamicx](#)— a startup from Mexico providing 3D printing, laser cutting and cnc router services whose philosophy is to take advantage of these technologies to develop projects with social impact in our community, focus on developing technology and promoting STEM.
- [Robot Resurrection](#) returns!— A towering 30-foot tall, fire-breathing, articulating sculpture made from 90% recycled materials and reclaimed airplane parts.
- [Battle Pond Warships & Weapons](#)— A behind-the-scenes look at what goes into making a Battle Pond “spectacular” successful. On display will be examples of each type of naval battlebot, prototype 3D printed cannons, pumps and scale details, and a hands-on demo of a working cannon.
- [The Journey](#)—A San Diego State grad who comes straight from Burning Man 2017, Dan Reeves has created a reflective, interactive experience constructed of wood using mortise and tenon interlocking construction, inspired by the double-helix. Participants will be able to interact with model size construction pieces.

- [The Electric Giraffe Project](#)— This fan-favorite is back! The giraffe will always be a work in progress, adding and fixing and improving. This creation has traveled from the desert of Burning Man to the White House to meet President Obama!
- [Monster Mania](#)— From the macabre to the fanciful, monsters come alive at the hands of local San Diego sculptors. Monster Mania features larger-than-life cyborgs, whimsical ghouls and everything in between!
- [The Regular Cutups](#)— a non-profit organization that promotes the art of scroll sawing. The group teaches adults and kids to scroll saw, as well as making toys and cutouts to give away. People can even sign up for FREE classes.

[Advance tickets](#) are available now with savings of up to 20%. Entrance includes San Diego Maker Faire exhibits AND general admission to the following venues:

- [San Diego Museum of Man](#)
- [The Old Globe](#)
- [Japanese Friendship Garden](#)
- [San Diego Model Railroad Museum](#)
- [San Diego History Center](#)
- [Fleet Science Center](#)
- [San Diego Natural History Museum](#) (theNAT)
- Outdoor Zones 1&2
- [Spanish Village](#) Art Center

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#### ABOUT BALBOA PARK CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP

Balboa Park Cultural Partnership is a nonprofit organization through which 30 arts, science and cultural institutions in Balboa Park collaborate to achieve shared goals. By helping these groups achieve greater organizational efficiency, innovation and excellence, it seeks to contribute to the vitality and sustainability of Balboa Park. For more information visit [www.bpcp.org](http://www.bpcp.org).

#### ABOUT SAN DIEGO MAKERS GUILD

The San Diego Makers Guild is a nonprofit that is committed to fostering the maker community and to promoting, showcasing, and encouraging adoption of making by individuals and public and private institutions, with the goal of advancing education, innovation, commerce and lifelong learning. Our vision is to help develop San Diego into a nationally known maker city. Learn more at [www.SDMakersGuild.org](http://www.SDMakersGuild.org).

#### HISTORY OF MAKER FAIRE

The first Maker Faire launched in May 2006 in the San Francisco Bay Area and was quickly followed by Faires in Austin, Detroit and New York City, as well as others around the world. Technology has lowered the barriers to becoming a Maker and this has launched the Maker Movement, which fuels Maker Faire. Maker Faire was designed to be forward-looking,

showcasing Makers who are exploring new forms and new technologies. But it is not just for exhibiting what is new in technical fields - Maker Faire features innovation and experimentation across the spectrum of science, engineering, art, performance, and craft.

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