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FIGMENT ANNOUNCES 2011 SEASON

Artists and Volunteers Wanted for Participatory Arts Events in NYC, Boston & Jackson, MS

FIGMENT, a free, family-friendly participatory arts event held in multiple cities and attracting many thousands of participants each year, is seeking artists and volunteers for its 2011 events in New York City, Boston, and Jackson, Mississippi.

Founded in 2007 on New York City's Governors Island, what began with a few thousand enthusiasts enjoying a handful of projects on a sunny July afternoon has grown exponentially into a multi-day, multi-city event that drew over 30,000 participants in NYC and Boston in 2010. With the addition of Jackson, Mississippi in 2011, FIGMENT continues its mission to offer free, inclusive and participatory art to entire communities, removing the barriers of museum and gallery walls and entrance fees and blurring the lines between those who create and those who enjoy art. This year, FIGMENT will take place in Jackson on May 14-15, Boston on June 4-5, and NYC on June 10-12.

FIGMENT offers abundant opportunities for both new and seasoned artists to showcase original works. Artists are encouraged to stretch their own boundaries: FIGMENT welcomes works in every imaginable medium including sculpture, installation, performance, music, workshops, games, experiences, site-specific pieces, social experiments, and any combination thereof. As the focus of the event is participatory art, projects that encourage audience participation and interactivity in any way are particularly encouraged. Artists may submit works through the website at <http://figmentproject.org>. The deadlines for submission are 4/15/2011 for Jackson and Boston, and 5/1/2011 for New York City.



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One special new addition to FIGMENT's Call for Participation this year for the New York event is a Call for Curatorial Proposals. Curators are invited to submit proposals to curate an area of the island, a stage, or even an indoor space on the island for the duration of the FIGMENT event. For more info: <http://figmentproject.org/curate>.

In addition, FIGMENT Call for Proposals for the FIGMENT Minigolf Course on Governors Island is still open. The call has a registration deadline of 2/15/2011, and a submission deadline of 3/1/2011. For more info: <http://figmentproject.org/minigolf>.

FIGMENT is an entirely volunteer-run effort and is always seeking energetic individuals to assist with curatorial, communications, and logistical needs. Volunteers may sign up at <http://figmentproject.org>.

FIGMENT is exclusively supported by donations and grants. To make a donation to support FIGMENT and its mission to encourage participation and expression from everyone, visit <http://figmentproject.org/donate>.

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FIGMENT celebrates an abundance of creativity and passion, challenging artists and our communities to find new ways to create, share, think, and dream. Become a part of 2011 events in NYC, Boston, and Jackson, Mississippi, and interactive exhibits on NYC's Governors Island from June through October. For more information, visit <http://figmentproject.org>.

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