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**FIGMENT NYC opens calls for art of 2013 season**

*FIGMENT, a free, inclusive, participatory arts event held in multiple cities and drawing tens of thousands of participants each year, is seeking artists and volunteers for its 2013 season in New York City.*

**FIGMENT NYC 2013 dates**

Weekend event: June 8-9 / submission deadline Thu, April 25

Interactive Sculpture Garden: June through September / submission deadline Fri, February 15

Artist-designed Minigolf Course: June through September / submission deadline Fri, March 1

**FIGMENT submission guidelines**

FIGMENT offers abundant opportunities for both emerging and established artists to showcase original works. FIGMENT invites inspired makers, doers, poets, visionaries, beginners, experts, dreamers, thinkers to create something that gets people to interact, to participate and collaborate with what they bring and with each other. Artists and participants 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, requests, challenges, guided meditations, performances based on audience input, sculptures that move or respond, heart-stopping technological innovations that change the way we see the world… and any combination thereof. As FIGMENT focuses primarily on participatory art—art that builds community through sharing—projects that inspire visitor participation and interactivity are particularly encouraged. FIGMENT believes that when we can get people interacting with one another, talking to each other, creating and sharing experiences together, we are building important connections, weaving social fabric, creating community.

Artists may submit works at http://figmentproject.org/participate

**About FIGMENT:**

Founded in 2007 on New York City’s Governors Island with a handful of projects and a few thousand enthusiasts, FIGMENT has grown exponentially into a multi-day, multi-city event that drew over 35,000 participants in NYC, Boston, Detroit, Washington D.C., Pittsburgh, and Jackson, MS, in 2012. In 2013, FIGMENT continues to expand its mission to offer free, family-friendly and participatory art to entire communities. The event removes the barriers of museum and gallery walls and entrance fees, blurring the lines between those who create and those who enjoy art.

*“If FIGMENT were a country, it would be the happiest in the world – and I would apply for citizenship immediately.”* – *BBC Travel*

*“FIGMENT has become one of the most exciting arts weekends within ferry distance of Manhattan.”* – The Village Voice “Best Art Festival” 2011.

“*Playful and thought-provoking large-scale installations that are not just a* *must-see but a must-experience.”* – The New Yorker

In addition to the weekend-long arts events in cities across the USA and beyond, FIGMENT 2013 presents four free summer-long interactive exhibitions: an installation-based display in Jackson, MS, and three on NYC’s Governors Island: an artist-designed minigolf course, an interactive sculpture garden, and the City of Dreams Pavilion, a centerpiece for arts activity on the island, the result of an international design competition created in partnership with ENYA and SEAoNY.

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FIGMENT catalyzes and celebrates an abundance of creativity and passion, challenging artists and our communities to find new ways to create, share, think, and dream. FIGMENT’s free annual participatory arts event began in New York City in 2007 and has expanded to include events in cities around the US, Australia, Canada and the UK. In New York, FIGMENT hosts an annual summer-long exhibition on Governors Island that includes an interactive sculpture garden, an artist-designed minigolf course, and an architectural pavilion co-presented with ENYA and SEAoNY.

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