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### **Spare Parts: Fine Arts Fair for Teachers & Public**

**Teachers from 10+ San Antonio school districts gather August 1 for classroom supplies**

SAN ANTONIO—On Friday, August 1, 2014 from 10am-2pm at Wonderland of the Americas, PreK-12 grade teachers and the public will celebrate arts education and the environment at the 4th annual Fine Arts Fair. The public is invited to participate in the Fine Arts Fair activities including: enjoy music, engage in art activities, visit the award-winning Spare Parts Mini Art Museum, take a picture with Spurs Jesus and support local artists as they sell their arts and crafts.

"We are so excited to be hosting this event once again," said Victoria Hernandez, Marketing Director for Wonderland of the Americas. "We believe fostering arts and creativity in children and teenagers is essential for the growth and advancement of our community, which is why we love working with Spare Parts and supporting their cause."

On August 1, San Antonio-based artist, Robert Tatum will be creating easels partly from found objects on site and hold kids finger painting sessions funded by the non-profit Art Star Academy. Art Star Academy is a non-profit, a subsidiary of SAFILM. Donations to Art Star Academy were made possible through the sales partnership of Tatum Originals' Pray for Spurs products and Spurs Jesus products sold over the Spurs post season run. Spurs Jesus will also be available for photos with teachers, students and the public. "This effort is to give back to the community," said Tatum.

Teachers will have access to materials and supplies collected by Spare Parts from donations by numerous business, organizations and individuals. Teachers must register online for the materials/supplies giveaway and the deadline is July 21 although they may register on site August 1. Visit [www.sparepartstudio.org](http://www.sparepartstudio.org) for updates and to register.

Artists who utilize at least 80% reusable, repurposed or recycled materials are invited to sell their work or items at the August 1 Fine Arts Fair or organizations that support the arts and the environment are also encouraged to participate. Please email [sparepartstudio@gmail.com](mailto:sparepartstudio@gmail.com) to learn more about this opportunity. The deadline is July 21.

Spare Parts, founded in 2011, is spearheaded by Master Reuser Mary Elizabeth Cantú. Cantú, an educator and art advocate, founded Spare Parts as a response to studies showing a decrease of creativity in the classroom, budget cuts in arts funding and the City of San Antonio's Zero Waste Initiative.

Spare Parts' main objective is to connect with various agencies, businesses and interested citizens to provide a steady supply of materials (otherwise trashed) for the artistic community and educators. The result is an increase in the creative and cultural energy of San Antonio. Spare Parts' purpose is unprecedented in San Antonio. It is the leader in reuse education through the arts. "I am not about to let the arts slip from our schools because of funding cuts or diminishing resources," said Cantú. "Spare Parts efforts falls right in line with the Mayor's SA2020 goals for growing the art and cultural profile of San Antonio."

Spare Parts thanks the following supporters: 10BitWorks Hackerspace, Art Star Academy, Convergent Media Collective, Medusa the Salon, Scobey Moving & Storage, Spurs Jesus and Wonderland of the Americas.

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