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MAKE48 RETURNS TO INDIANAPOLIS WITH FISHERS MAKER PLAYGROUND SELECTED TO HOST

Applications for September competition now open nationwide!

Indianapolis, IN July 13, 2022 - Fastest invention competition [Make48](#) is returning to Indianapolis this summer. The celebrated docuseries is once again bringing its 48-hour collaborative inventor and maker challenge to Indianapolis after a successful run in 2021. The **Fishers Maker Playground** in Fishers, Indiana will host the event, scheduled for **September 9-11, 2022**. Now open to teams nationwide, competitors from Indiana and beyond will be able to participate in the unique maker competition, which helps participants discover what is possible in just 48 hours. The winning team will win \$2k and advance to compete at the national competition, slated for March 2023, where one team can win \$10k. This year's challenge theme is **Food Preservation - Food at the Right Place at the Right Time**, as determined by United Way of Central Indiana. The event is sponsored by **Corteva Agriscience**.

Make48 Co-creator and CEO **Tom Gray** said, "Food scarcity often isn't about the lack of food, but about getting food to the right place at the right time. This challenge could help kick start conversations, not just in Indiana, but nationwide on how to improve and utilize current resources."

Corteva Agriscience will serve as the competition's Challenge Sponsor, helping craft the teams' competition objective. Corteva is a leading, global pure-play agriculture company headquartered in Indianapolis. "Corteva looks forward to working with Make48, United Way of Central Indiana, and the participating teams to create solutions to the food security crisis. Our aspirations are that the innovations will leave a lasting positive impact on our community," said Ronda Hamm, Corteva Global Academic Relations Leader.

Applications are open now. Details on applying can be found [HERE](#).

Make48 is a nationwide invention-competition docuseries that gives teams a challenge at the start of a two-day event. With just 48 hours, teams must create a prototype, promotional video, sales sheet, and present their idea to a panel of judges. The teams have access to a makerspace and numerous Tool Techs that can make almost anything. Teams receive a hint about the challenge theme, but specific details are revealed at the start of each competition, allowing everyone to have a level playing field and the chance to win.

Fishers Maker Playground is a 15,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art, public makerspace located in west Fishers, Indiana, just off the Nickel Plate Trail. Fishers Maker Playground offers a space of tools, technology, and arts and encourages imagination, curiosity, engineering, building and more. The Maker Playground features several zones throughout the space for those to tinker and create, including a community workshop. At the Maker Playground, members and visitors will find a wood shop, welding and metal shop, CNC routers, 3D printer, laser cutters, computers, and supplies to cut, form and create. Complementing this space are three classrooms with S.T.E.A.M. experiential learning, and a large gathering and collaboration space.



Following a successful four-city series of events in 2021, Make48 is expanding its reach in myriad ways for 2022. Applicants to City Series competitions were previously restricted to participants residing in the host city. Applications are now open nationwide, allowing for diversity and removing geographical limitations. Make48 recently launched a licensing initiative for its competition blueprint, giving community makerspaces, colleges, and high schools the opportunity to host their own events by licensing the Make48 name and format. In addition, Roku has included the Make48 docuseries, currently in syndication on PBS, as featured programming in their newly launched This Old House Makers Channel.

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