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Kansas City, MO May 21, 2021— **Make48** is proud to bring their 48 hour competition to makerspaces around the continental US. Some of the nation's most innovative cities will compete in their own 48 hour prototyping events in 2021. Using the same blueprint of the Make48 TV documentary, local Hartford citizens will be able to participate in the fastest-invention competition at their local community makerspace October 7-9, 2021.

MakerspaceCT will host the event in downtown Hartford, Connecticut. MakerspaceCT is a community workshop and skills development center, with over 20,000 sq ft of workshop space. Empowering Connecticut makers, as well as innovation, it's a valuable resource for everyone in the community. Eight (8) teams from the greater Hartford area will be chosen to compete at the first annual Connecticut event. "We're thrilled to continue our tradition of inventive making and provide our facility to these creative teams for this competition" - Devra Sisitsky, Executive Director, MakerspaceCT

The winning team from the Hartford event will advance to compete at the Nationals competition, slated for March 2022, where one team can win \$10k. Everyday people will discover what is possible in 48 hours at this unique competition.

Stanley Black & Decker will serve as the Challenge Sponsor, helping craft the challenge that the teams will build. A trusted brand of tools and innovative solutions since 1843, Stanley Black & Decker is recognized around the world as the company for makers and innovators, the craftsmen and the caregivers, and those doing the hard work to make the world a better place. "Stanley Black & Decker is proud to share in the vision and purpose of the Make48 program. As we aim to educate and inspire those who build and invent to make a better world, we are proud to be the Hartford challenge sponsor." - Diane Cantello, Vice President of Social Impact, Stanley Black & Decker



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Teams can apply on the Hartford competition webpage at <https://make48.com/hartford>

Applications will **open June 17th** and will **close July 16th**. MakerspaceCT will hold a casting call on July 31st to select the teams from those that have applied.

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 and 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, thus allowing everyone to have a level playing field and the chance to win.

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