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13th ANNUAL FREE CREATE-WITH-NATURE EARTH DAY CELEBRATION ON STINSON BEACH SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017, 11am - 3pm

Hands-on collaborative art event honors nature, engages public

Environmental artist Zach Pine and the international music and arts organization Samavesha will produce the 13th Annual Free Create-With-Nature Earth Day Celebration at the south end of Stinson Beach on Sunday, April 23, 2017.

Using sand, rocks, shells, and other natural objects from the beach, participants work alone and in groups to spontaneously create outdoor sculpture. In past years, beachgoers stacked rock towers, made spirals from seaweed, planted a forest of "trees" made of driftwood, and created dragons, fairies, and abstract designs. During this playful event, participants work alone and in groups, transforming the beach into an evolving outdoor sculpture gallery.

Pine's motivation for hosting the event comes from a desire to inspire environmental action not only on Earth Day but throughout the year: "My art-making with natural materials brings me a heightened connection with nature that stimulates environmental action in my daily life. I host this event to share that process of connection, learning, inspiration, and action with others."

The site for the event, at the south end of Stinson Beach, offers an unusual diversity of natural materials and microenvironments: boulders, stones, tide pools, seaweed, driftwood, feathers, and sea glass. The event begins with beach cleanup/habitat restoration, and collecting natural materials.

Professional musicians, dancers, and other artists also participate with the public in the event, inviting collaborative expression in relation to the earth. The public is invited to bring small percussion instruments such as shakers, bells, or palm-sized drums to join in the musical creation.

Photographs of past years' events are on the event website, earthdaystinsonbeach.org; images from this year's event will be exhibited there as well.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area Volunteer Coordinator Tracy Neal and her staff will be on hand to assist with the beach cleanup/habitat restoration.

Pine is an internationally exhibited environmental artist whose group art-making events, school workshops, and hands-on installations have engaged thousands in the SF Bay Area and beyond (naturesculpture.com). Event partner Samavesha (samavesha.org) is an international multidisciplinary nonprofit music and arts organization.

Event details:

13th Annual Free Create-With-Nature Earth Day Celebration; Sunday, April 23, 2017, no need to register; drop in at any time between 11am and 3pm; south end of Stinson Beach; free; all ages; rain or shine; bring a picnic; earthdaystinsonbeach.org. Accessibility information is at earthdaystinsonbeach.org/accessibility.html