

# News Release

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## “Don’t Mess with Texas, Mess with Art” at AMSET’s next Family Arts Day

(Beaumont, TX; July 19, 2023) The Art Museum of Southeast Texas (AMSET) will present its popular Free Family Arts Day on Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join us in celebrating the start of the school year with a creative day of art activities along with two live performances from Gator Country!

Children and their families are encouraged to explore the museum and to “Don’t Mess with Texas, Mess with Art” by creating artwork with recycled materials. Art activities are inspired by AMSET’s current exhibitions, *Conversations & Connections* and *Summer Days: selections from the permanent collection* on view through September 10, 2023. Activities include paper airplanes, Felix “Fox” Harris sculptures, popsicle stick art, temporary tattoos, recycled achi board game, and plastic flowers!

Complimentary cookies and punch will be provided. A concession stand selling ballpark-style food will also be available. There will be two live performances from Gator Country at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the Quinn Lecture Hall. Throughout the day, AMSET will draw raffle winners for backpacks of school supplies. In partnership with the Lamar University Green Squad, AMSET will be collecting empty plastic bottles and soda cans for recycling.

Admission to this event is free and open to the public and all materials are provided. For more information, visit [amset.org](http://amset.org) or call (409) 832-3432. Be sure to follow AMSET on Instagram and Facebook for up-to-date information on all events, education programs, and exhibitions – @amsetx. AMSET would like to thank Port Arthur LNG for sponsoring this program.

This program is also sponsored in part by Carla & Josh Allen, American Valve and Hydrant, Anonymous Donations, Bill Clark Pest Control (In-Kind), the C. Homer and Edith Fuller Chambers Charitable Foundation, the Bequest of Bessie Fisher Chisum, Helen Caldwell Locke & Curtis Blakey Locke Charitable Trust, the National Endowment for the Arts, Regina Rogers – In loving memory of Julie & Ben Rogers, the Texas Commission on the Arts, the Wesley W. Washburn, M.D. and Lulu L. Smith, M.D. Endowment Fund, the City of Beaumont, and the members of the Art Museum of Southeast Texas. Additional funding provided by Sam’s Club, Port Arthur LNG, and Mr. Nick Gray- Museum Hack. To find out more about how National Endowment for the Arts Grants impact individuals and communities, visit [www.arts.gov](http://www.arts.gov).

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Hours: M-F: 9am-5pm Sat.: 10am-5pm Sun: Noon-5pm  
Closed Major Holidays  
Admission: Free Suggested Donation: \$5.00  
Wheelchair and stroller accessible