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ZFH Opens Registration for 2018 Festival, Launches *shane patrick boyle* Memorial Grant for Emerging Zinesters

(HOUSTON) – Registration is now open for Zine Fest Houston 2018, which will take place November 17, 2018, from 12pm - 6pm, at Lawndale Art Center. Registration will close on September 17, 2018. As part of its mission to lift up marginalized voices in the creative sphere, Zine Fest Houston (ZFH) also announces the launch of its *shane patrick boyle Memorial Grant for Emerging Zinesters* (spb Grant), which will provide an artist stipend to an LGBTQ+ creator to attend this year's festival.

The spb Grant honors ZFH founder shane patrick boyle, who passed away unexpectedly in 2017. "We are proud to launch this special initiative honoring shane, who always encouraged creative expression and embraced the unique members of Houston's DIY community," say ZFH organizers Maria-Elisa Heg, Anastasia Kirages, Evan McCarley and Sarah Welch. "We hope to keep his legacy alive by providing support to emerging LGBTQ+ creators, and also especially encourage POC to apply."

ZFH is a local volunteer-run organization and annual, all-ages festival dedicated to promoting zines (self-published magazines), mini-comics, and other forms of small press, alternative and underground DIY media and art. Admission is always free and low cost table space is made available for creators, writers and artists involved in the creation, publication, distribution or promotion of alternative DIY media. ZFH is the sole event in Houston that specifically provides a platform for emerging and established regional and national zine makers in the DIY community to exchange new work and create meaningful relationships that lead to productive collaboration.

This year's programming includes lectures on healthcare options for freelancers/artists and the history of wrestling, and workshops on teen and youth zine making and DIY animation.

Fresh Arts' Cultured Cocktails will donate a portion of the proceeds from all drink sales to support ZFH 2018's launch of the spb grant during the 5pm - 8pm happy hour on Thursday, August 23, at Boheme Cafe & Wine Bar. ZFH will also collaborate with local comedy wrestling organization Doomsday Wrestling on a make-your-own wrestler zine making workshop for their September performance to celebrate this year's festival theme.

Attendance to ZFH is free and open to the public.

About Zine Fest Houston

Zine Fest Houston (ZFH) is dedicated to providing opportunities and space for zinesters, artists, and self-publishers to present DIY works and participate in an alternative avenue for commerce. Through year-round educational programming, publications and a free annual festival, ZFH seeks to empower independent artists, lift up marginalized voices in the creative sphere, and promote equitable conditions for its creative community to thrive. ZFH 2018 is generously supported by Fresh Arts, Houston Arts Alliance and the City of Houston Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs. Follow our space at zinefesthouston.org.

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Saturday, November 17 • 12-6pm • Lawndale Art Center • 4912 S Main St • Free to All



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