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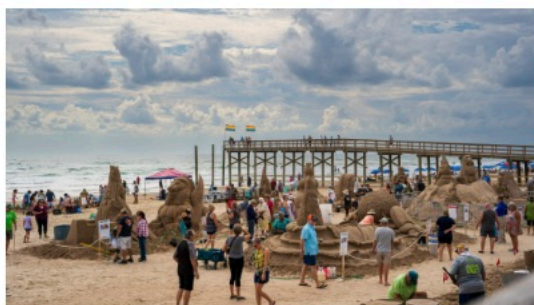
## ***A Spectacular Artistic Showcase Awaits at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Sandcastle Days***

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas, October 02, 2023** – South Padre Island, “The Sandcastle Capital of the World,” is thrilled to announce the much-anticipated return of Sandcastle Days October 5-8, 2023, at Clayton’s Beach Bar. Perfect for the whole family, the four-day festival promises to treat spectators to a sensory feast as they witness the transformation of ordinary sand into extraordinary works of art.

“We are thrilled to welcome everyone back to the Sandcastle Days Festival,” said Blake Henry, South Padre Island CVB Executive Director. “This event has become a cherished tradition that showcases the incredible artistry of sand sculptors and brings our community together in celebration. We can’t wait to see this year’s stunning creations and share the magic of South Padre Island with our visitors.”

A staple on the island founded over 35 years ago by Master Sand sculptors and South Padre Island residents Walter McDonald (aka Amazin Walter) and Lucinda Wierenga (aka Sandy Feet), Sandcastle Days is a captivating celebration that showcases the extraordinary talent of sand sculptors from around the world. From towering castles adorned with delicate details to whimsical creatures and mythical figures brought to life, the sheer artistry on display is nothing short of breathtaking. The event also offers a lively atmosphere filled with live music, delicious food, a vibrant marketplace featuring local arts and crafts, and more. Best of all, admission to the event is totally FREE!

Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. each morning, and Sandcamp will lead the list of activities each day with lessons slated from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 2:00-4:00 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday and from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Sunday. There will be an amateur competition at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 7, and those interested in participating can register the day before, October 6, between 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Sandcastle Days is sure to provide an unforgettable experience for all who attend. For more information, visit the event website at [www.sandcastledays.com](http://www.sandcastledays.com).



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### *About South Padre Island*

*With miles of pristine shoreline and clear emerald water, South Padre Island is Texas' only tropical island paradise. Calm weather and more than 300 days of sunshine make South Padre Island a year-round destination offering a variety of nature tourism attractions, water sports, and activities for the entire family. For more information, visit [www.sopadre.com](http://www.sopadre.com).*

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