

2012 Manifest ~ 12 Hour Game Jam



Theme: Ridiculously Imaginative Playgrounds

This year's theme is **Ridiculously Imaginative Playgrounds**. It is based off IAM's Manifest Exhibition theme - **Play Grounds** and the Danish design group **Monstrum** (as featured on www.thisiscolossal.com)

The game mechanics and art should be inspired by playground equipment and children's games. Don't think about the average playground on the corner. Think about the most **Ridiculously Imaginative Playground** you can create. As one of the Game Jam Judges, Christopher Jobson puts it, "Danish firm Monstrum (<http://www.monstrum.dk/en>), founded by Ole B. Nielsen and Christian Jensen, are responsible for some of the most brilliant playscapes I've ever seen."

You can see more on Chris's blog <http://www.thisiscolossal.com/2012/04/ridiculously-imaginative-playgrounds-by-monstrum/>

Also consider using traditional children's games that would have been played on these playgrounds for inspiration http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_traditional_children's_games.

The game must be rated E and targeted toward children ages 10 and under.

Judging

- Leading game designer and honorary Columbia degree recipient, [Warren Spector](#), along with Alumni Chris Jobson of Colossal Design <http://www.thiscolossal.com/> will judge the challenge and announce the winners.
- Judging guidelines are attached. There is also a prize for the First Year Student (Freshman/Transfer) who contributes the most value to their team. In order to be eligible for the prize the First Year student must explain their role during the Game Presentation.
- Chris Jobson has agreed to give the Colossal Design Award for Most Ridiculously Imaginative Play Grounds.

Prizes

- Grand Prize - \$375 (Amazon Gift Cards) + Dinner with Warren Spector
- First Runner Up - \$250 (Amazon Gift Cards)
- Second Runner Up - \$125 (iTunes Gift Cards)
- Top 1st Year Student Award – (individual award) - \$75 (iTunes Gift Card)
- Colossal Design Prize for Most Ridiculously Imaginative Play Grounds - \$125 (Rotofugi Gift Cards)

TimeLine

Thursday, May 3

5:00 PM: Challenge theme and guidelines announced. Build begins. IAM Lobby

Friday, May 4

10 AM – 4:30 pm: Onsite build.

5:00 – 5:30 pm: Game presentations.

5:30 – 6:00 pm: Judging and awards.

6:30 PM: Grand Prize winners attend dinner with Warren Spector.