Visual arts
You gotta have art

Want to get interactive with the visual arts? Try out this year's ArtHouse, an annual event at the Institute of Contemporary Art in downtown San Jose (560 S. First St.). Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the institute is opening its doors not only to show off its current exhibitions but also to offer art-making, art works for sale, talks by artists, programs, tours and various demonstrations. Included are the institute's Print Fair, a sale of works by 35 Bay Area printmakers; Printapalooza! (morning and afternoon art-making workshops at the Print Center), and lunchtime lectures and demos by artists currently in residence at the museum. If you want to take a food break, two of the area's top gourmet food trucks — Louisiana Territory and No Way Jose — will be parked outside.

ArtHouse is free except for Printapalooza which is $250 (partly tax-deductible) and for which you need to register in advance. To sign up — and to get more information — visit www.sjica.org.

— Charlie McCollum, Mercury News

Master printer Fanny Retsek, left, and artist-in-residence Tony May will be on hand this weekend.