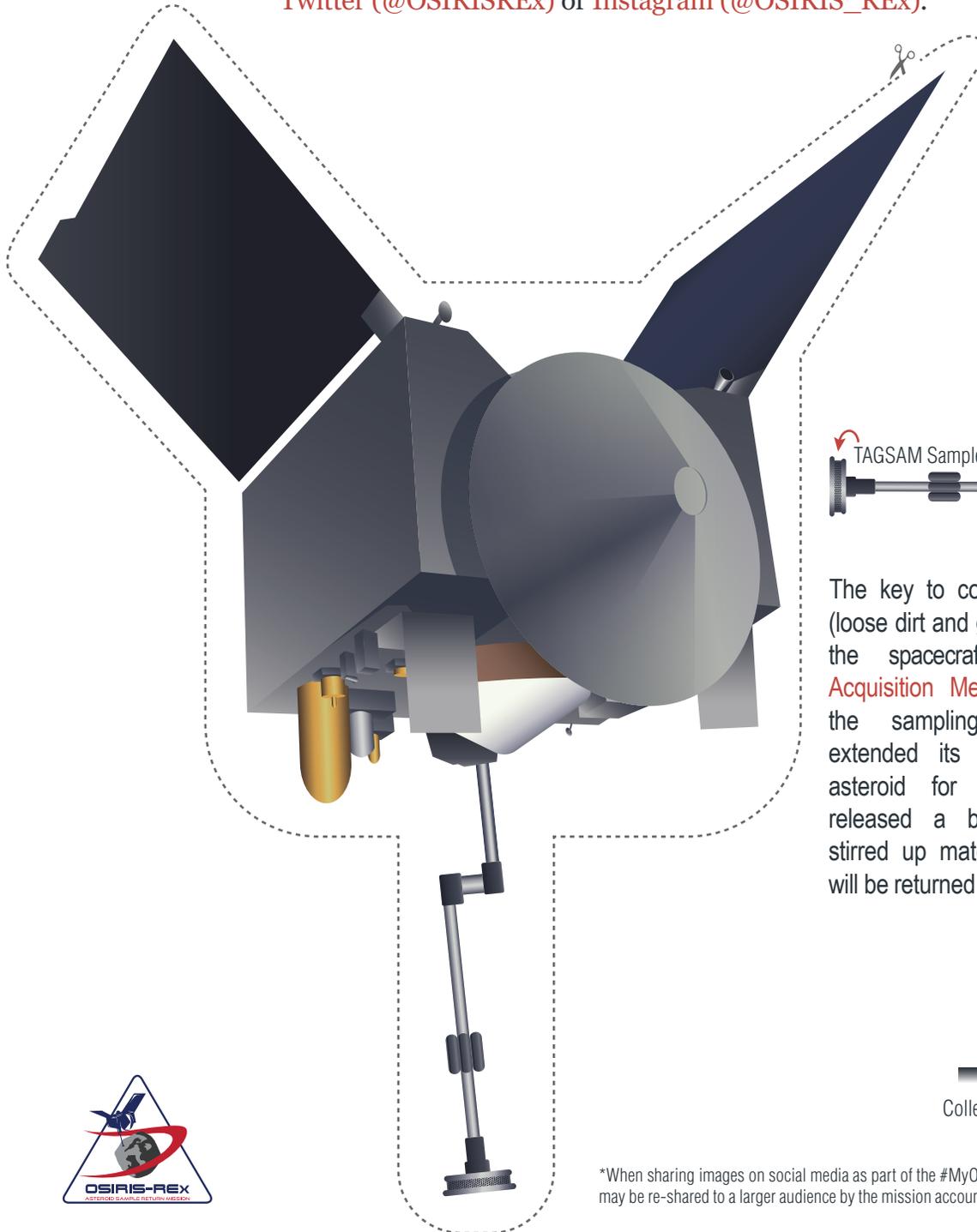




WHERE ON EARTH IS OSIRIS-REX?

While the real OSIRIS-REx spacecraft is working on returning a sample of asteroid Benu, take your own pocket spacecraft for an adventure right here on Earth.

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The key to collecting a sample of regolith (loose dirt and gravel) from asteroid Benu is the spacecraft's **Touch-and-Go Sample Acquisition Mechanism (TAGSAM)**. During the sampling maneuver, OSIRIS-REx extended its TAGSAM arm, touched the asteroid for roughly six seconds and released a burst of nitrogen gas. The stirred up material was then collected and will be returned to Earth in 2023.



Collecting an asteroid sample

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