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National Math Festival Returns to Washington, D.C. May 4, 2019

Free public event for all ages celebrates playful and powerful experiences with mathematics

WASHINGTON, D.C. April 24, 2018 — Math lovers across the country are encouraged to save the date for Saturday, May 4, 2019 when the National Math Festival returns to Washington, D.C.. This all-ages event is organized by the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI), and 2019 marks its third appearance in the nation's capital.

The National Math Festival will take place at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Festival is free and open to the public. More than 20,000 persons are anticipated to attend. Dozens of corresponding events celebrating the beauty and fundamental importance of mathematics in everyday life will also take place in communities across the country and online.

The National Math Festival will showcase some of the most fascinating mathematicians of our time. Adults, high schoolers, and middle schoolers can enjoy a full lineup of accessible, playful, math-inspiring presentations and performances, as well as several hours of short, creative math films. Experiential programs for ages 2 to 12, designed for young people but with escalating levels of challenge for adults, include puzzles, games, art-making activities, athletic events, and more. Math organizations will host "make or take" resource pickup stations and take-home hands-on projects for festival attendees and educators.

"Whether it's film animation, pro football, magic, music, dating, dance, cryptography, environmental science, or the data revolution, we have a talk about that," said MSRI Director David Eisenbud, Professor of Mathematics, University of California, Berkeley. "Come to the Festival and see how math pervades every area of your life!"

The 2019 National Math Festival is organized by the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI) in cooperation with the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) and the National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath). Sponsors include the Simons Foundation, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation.

For updates on the National Math Festival and to enjoy, explore, and discover math games, puzzles, books, and more, visit www.nationalmathfestival.org, or follow us on Twitter [@NatMathFestival](https://twitter.com/NatMathFestival) or Facebook at www.facebook.com/nationalmathfestival.

About the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI)

The Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI) is one of the world's preeminent centers for collaborative research in mathematics. Located in Berkeley, California, MSRI's mission is to advance mathematical research, foster talent, and further the appreciation of mathematics.

MSRI strives to make mathematics accessible and exciting to those outside the field through the National Math Festival, sponsorship of Numberphile (YouTube's most popular informal mathematics channel, with over 2.4 million subscribers), film production for public television including the much-recognized Navajo Math Circles, and the Mathical Book Prize. MSRI has created a national Math Circles movement of small organizations teaching and engaging children in math as a hobby. www.msri.org

About the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS)

The Institute for Advanced Study, founded in 1930 as an independent institution in Princeton, New Jersey, is one of the world's leading centers for basic research in the sciences and humanities, where the permanent faculty and visiting scholars have the freedom to pursue some of the deepest theoretical questions without pressure for immediate outcomes. Its reach has been multiplied many times over through the more than 7,000 scholars who have influenced entire fields of study as well as the work and minds of colleagues and students. www.ias.edu

About the National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath)

The National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath) allows adults and children alike to experience the evolving, creative, aesthetic, and often surprising nature of mathematics. Located in the heart of Manhattan, the Museum is home to more than three dozen hands-on, engaging exhibits that showcase the fascinating world of mathematics. MoMath has also designed and implemented hundreds of innovative programs around the country including interactive presentations, math tournaments, camp programs, book discussions, movie nights, math tours, storytelling sessions, nights of comedy, mathematical concerts, and a wide variety of public outreach events. www.momath.org

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