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IN RESPONSE TO IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS WORLDWIDE, NYC'S NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MATHEMATICS (MOMATH) ANNUAL SUMMER MATH FESTIVAL GOES ONLINE WITH NON-STOP SIX-HOUR DAY OF MATH GAMES, PUZZLES, BRAINTEASERS, MUSIC, MAGIC, & HANDS-ON MATH PROJECTS TO DO AT HOME

Saturday, July 18, 2 p.m. − 8 p.m. EDT

New York, NY (June 26, 2020)—In response to the impact of Covid-19 on families and schools worldwide, New York City's <u>National Museum of Mathematics</u> (MoMath) annual summer Math Festival will go online with a non-stop six-hour day of math games, puzzles, brainteasers, music, magic, and hands-on math projects to do at home on Saturday, July 18, from 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. EDT.

"This year, MoMath's summer Math Festival can be enjoyed by our online audiences in all 50 US states as well as in countries around the world," said Cindy Lawrence, CEO and Executive Director of MoMath. "During these challenging times, we want to offer the public fun, interactive experiences that continue to highlight the joy of mathematics."

With museums and schools closed in New York City and across the world due to Covid-19, MoMath has dramatically transformed itself into a growing virtual, cultural, and educational attraction offering online programs that in the past were available only to visitors to the Museum in Manhattan.

Among MoMath's fifth annual summer Math Festival activities are:

- Mime-matics: Mathematician and world mime performer Tim Chartier investigates the weight, magnitude of force, and projectile motion with the art of mime.
- Can Math Help You Juggle?: Professional juggler and math educator John Chase shows the powerful connections between mathematics and juggling, and explains how math modeling has given jugglers all kinds of new patterns to juggle. Bring three juggling objects to join the fun!
- Rubik's Cube With Feet: Former Guinness World Record holder Daniel Rose-Levine demonstrates how he solves the Rubik's Cube with his feet in under 20 seconds.
- Folding Fun: OrigamiUSA president Wendy Zeichner teaches origami action models that can be folded from regular printer paper. There's math in every fold!
- **The Brainteaser Kahoot**: CEO of "Living Maths" in South Africa Steve Sherman hosts a wacky and zany internet based game that will tickle your brain strings and challenge your thinking skills. Do you have what it takes to be the brainteaser champion?
- A Four-Card Mathematical Magic Trick: Fields Medalist and Professor of Mathematics at Princeton University Manjul Bhargava demonstrates how one can create surprising complexity from extreme simplicity with just four playing cards.
- **Math Raps**: Math teacher and rapper Mike Andrejkovics shares one of his many Math Raps, discusses how he got started rapping about math, and explores the mathematical ideas and references in his rap.

For more information about MoMath, the only math museum in North America, and MoMath's fifth annual summer Math Festival, visit nycmath.momath.org.

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