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***New York Times* Bestselling Author Jim Holt to Examine the Mysterious Theories that Led to Our Understanding of the Foundation of Mathematics, Logic, and Truth During Discussion of His New Book *When Einstein Walked with Gödel: Excursions to the Edge of Thought* at the National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath)**

Thursday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. at MoMath

New York, NY (September 11, 2018), *New York Times* bestselling author Jim Holt will examine the mysterious theories that led to our understanding of the foundation of mathematics, logic, and truth during a discussion of his new book *When Einstein Walked with Gödel: Excursions to the Edge of Thought* on Thursday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. at MoMath, located at 11 East 26th Street.

Holt's latest book is a collection of his mathematical, scientific, and philosophical essays featured in various publications over the last twenty years. Holt explores some of the most remarkable theories about life and the universe from physicists such as Emmy Noether, Albert Einstein, and Kurt Gödel that touch upon the human mind, the cosmos, and the mysteries of quantum mechanics. His book offers intimate biographical sketches of various celebrated and neglected thinkers, and reveals the origins and importance of their ideas.

"Jim Holt's passion for math, science, and philosophy is apparent throughout his book," explains Cindy Lawrence, Executive Director of MoMath. "Jim makes learning about some of the most beautiful (but sometimes least understood) ideas simple and enjoyable for people of all ages."

Jim Holt, who received his BA and Masters in Mathematics at the University of Virginia, later studied philosophy at Columbia, is one of the most well-known journalists writing about math, science, and philosophy. He has written for *the New York Times*, *the New Yorker*, *the Wall Street Journal*, and *the New York Review of Books*. Holt's book *Why Does the World Exist?: An Existential Detective Story* was an international bestseller.

About the National Museum of Mathematics

The National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath) strives to enhance public understanding and perception of mathematics in daily life. Currently celebrating its fifth anniversary, MoMath has reached more than 1.5 million New Yorkers and visitors from around the world.

The only math museum in North America, MoMath fills a critical demand around the country and worldwide for hands-on math programming, offering a space where the math-challenged, as well as math enthusiasts of all backgrounds and levels of understanding can enjoy the infinite and beautiful world of mathematics through more than 37 unique, state-of-the-art, interactive exhibits.

In addition to MoMath's home in New York City, Museum exhibitions and content are currently featured in Singapore, Brazil, Germany, Russia, Spain, Sweden and the UK.

MoMath received the 2016 Communications Award for Public Outreach from the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics. The Museum was awarded the bronze 2013 MUSE Award for Education and Outreach by the American Alliance of Museums. MoMath has been recognized as the Most Fascinating Museum in New York State by the TripAdvisor vacation site, and hailed as "Best Museum for Kids" by *New York Magazine*.

MoMath, located at 11 East 26th Street on the northside of popular Madison Square Park in Manhattan, is open seven days a week, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. For more information, visit momath.org.

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