



## **National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath) Appoints Maria Klawe, President of Math for America; Philipp Legner, Founder of Mathigon; and Dexter Senft, Wall Street Icon, to the Board of Directors**

(New York, NY - December 11, 2023) – The National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath), the premiere math museum in North America, announced the appointment of three new Board members, Maria Klawe; president of Math of America, Philipp Legner; founder of Mathigon; and Dexter Senft, Wall Street icon to the Board of Directors in December 2024.

**Maria Klawe** joined Math for America (MFA) as President in 2023. MFA seeks to improve math and science education by providing fellowships for math and science teachers to encourage continued learning, collaboration and respect which leads to greater career satisfaction and longer teaching tenure. Prior to MFA, Klawe served for 17 years as the President of Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California. She was previously Dean of Engineering and Professor of Computer Science at Princeton University and Dean of Science at University of British Columbia (UBC). Klawe also spent eight years with IBM Research in California and two years at the University of Toronto. She received her Ph.D. (1977) and B.Sc. (1973) in mathematics from the University of Alberta. Klawe is a member of the boards of Phenome Health and the nonprofit EdReports, a founding advisory board member of [Parity.org](https://www.parity.org), a fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, and a trustee for the Simons Laufer Mathematical Sciences Institute. Klawe was ranked 17 on Fortune's 2014 list of the World's 50 Greatest Leaders.

**Philipp Legner** is the founder of Mathigon, an award-winning online platform for learning mathematics. Mathigon uses interactive digital tools and content to make math engaging. Millions of students and teachers worldwide have utilized Mathigon materials. Mathigon was recently acquired by Amplify, a pioneer in K-12 education. Prior to founding Mathigon, Legner worked as a software engineer at Google, Bloomberg, and Wolfram. Legner studied mathematics at Cambridge University and mathematics education at the UCL Institute of Education in London. He is a trustee of Dr. Frost Maths and works with many other outreach projects.

**Dexter Senft** has been called one of Wall Street's 'rocket scientists' who transformed bond trading to a business that relied on computers and mathematical models. Senft graduated from Rice University with a triple degree in mathematics, mathematical sciences, and economics. He began his career at First Boston. After 17 years, he moved to Lehman Brothers where he spent 11 years managing various departments. Senft finished his professional career as Managing Director of Morgan Stanley's Fixed Income E-Commerce. He retired in 2015. Senft serves on several boards, including Vice-Chairman of The Bond Market Association's Technology Committee, the former Chairman of its Education Committee; and he was the co-Chair of the Fixed Income Working Group of FIX Protocol Limited. He also serves as the head of the Advisory Committee for the Center for Computational Finance and Economic Systems at Rice University.

"We are honored to welcome Maria, Philipp, and Dexter to the MoMath Board," said Marilyn Simons, co-chair of the Board selection committee. "All three of our new Board members bring a passion for, and deep experience with, math. Whether it is in practice in their careers or through an educational calling, we are confident that they will help to advance MoMath's mission to show the value and importance of math in throughout all areas of life."

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### **About the National Museum of Mathematics**

The National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath) is North America's premier cultural institution devoted to the wonders of mathematics and its many connections to the world around us. Located at 11 East 26<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan, MoMath is home to more than 40 interactive, engaging, and playful exhibits. The Museum is open seven days a week, from 10 am to 5 pm.

Since opening in December 2012, MoMath has welcomed more than 1.2 million visitors, including more than 300,000 students. When mandated by New York City to close in March 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic, MoMath transformed itself into a virtual Museum with an extensive global footprint. Since that time, MoMath has provided nearly 5,500 online programs reaching more than 150,000 participants from all 50 U.S. States and from 126 other countries.

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