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Free Friday: Museum of Mathematics



Each week we're telling viewers about events, activities and items that are free. That's right! No money required.

The [Museum of Mathematics](#) is the first museum of its kind in the US - with plans to open in 2012. Yesterday, they launched their FREE, new, public [Math Encounters Presentation Series](#).

How better to demonstrate the link between mathematics and art than through origami. Erik Demaine, world famous MIT professor and one of the top origami theorists in the world, will celebrate the beauty, creativity, and real world applications of math at a new discussion series called "Math Encounters", presented by the [Simons Foundation](#) and the Museum of Mathematics. Demaine will also lead an interactive presentation following his talk where audience members will participate in building a large-scale origami sculpture (aka hyperbolic paraboloid octahedra). The event takes place this week - yesterday, March 3, at 7pm and TODAY, Friday, March 4, at 6pm at the Baruch College Conference Center (55 Lexington Avenue at 24th Street - 14th floor). Demaine will be introduced by Jim Simons, founder of Renaissance Technologies and winner of the Veblen Prize in Geometry in 1976 for his work on minimal varieties and characteristic forms (and one of the wealthiest men in the world).