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MO MATH

News!

June 6, 2010 – For the second year in a row, the square-wheeled trike was king of the World Science Festival Street Fair. The Math Midway, which also features such exhibits as the Mysterious Harmonograph and the melodious Organ Function Grinder, drew in crowds of children and parents alike with its enticing colors, exciting sounds, and promise of making math fun.

It appears by the positive reactions of visitors that the Midway has lived up to that promise.

“I think it’s really fun,” said Adam Vanker, 12, of Manhattan. “I’ve been here for quite a while and it’s been a lot of fun so far.”

But it wasn’t only the kids that enjoyed the Midway. Parents seemed to connect to the exhibits with as much enthusiasm as their children. Enrique Enirquec of Venezuela attended with his three children and was eager to share that enthusiasm with the volunteers.

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For those who were unable to attend the World Science Festival Street Fair, the Math Midway is now being hosted by the Ward Melville Heritage Organization in nearby Stony Brook, NY, through July 6th. The Midway will be featured at the following sites in upcoming months:

Sci-Tech Discovery Center

Frisco, TX

October 2, 2010 through January 30, 2011

Museum of Nature and Science

Dallas, TX

February 5 through May 16, 2011

Discovery Center for Science and Technology

Thousand Oaks, CA

June 17 through August 12, 2011

Boonshoft Museum of Discovery

Dayton, OH

February 4 through April 29, 2012

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Please visit mathmidway.org for more information.

2010 Long Island Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Expo

May 24, 2010 – The Museum of Mathematics was proud to participate in the Long Island Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Expo that was sponsored by the Long Island Works Coalition, a division of Goodwill Industries of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey.

The day-long event took place at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City, NY, and it provided 400 Long Island middle school students with a unique opportunity to spark their interests in STEM fields.



Representatives from MoMath were there to talk about the wonders of mathematics while fielding questions from students. More than 100 students were able to participate in the MoMath workshop, and they were able to leave with answers to their questions along with a heightened curiosity for, and interest in, the incredible field of mathematics.

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Chancellor's Day in Manhattan

June 10, 2010 – Museum of Mathematics Executive Director Glen Whitney was asked to participate in a Chancellor's Day Professional Development workshop in New York City, which was sponsored by Math for America.

Whitney provided a professional development excursion for area teachers by hosting a walking math tour of the Flatiron District in Manhattan that culminated with the teachers measuring the angle and height of the renowned Flatiron Building, using nothing more than a ruler, pen, and piece of paper. He concluded the tour by providing guidance to the teachers by showing them how to create their own math tours in the future.

Look Who's Supporting MoMath!

June 10, 2010 – The Museum of Mathematics is honored to have gained the attention and support of some highly recognizable figures, from both the science world and entertainment world alike.

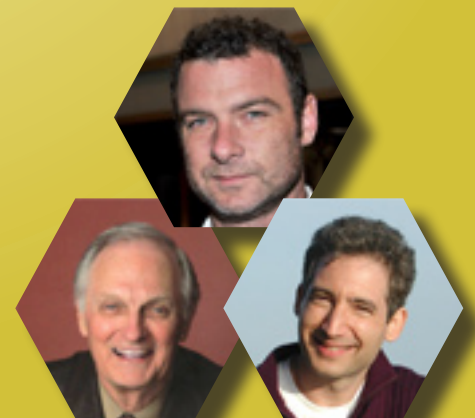
Renowned physics and mathematics professor, *New York Times* best-seller, and World Science Festival Chairman and Co-founder Brian Greene stopped by the Math Midway to offer his congratulations and support.

Later that day, 2010 Tony Award nominee Liev Schreiber brought his 2-year-old son, Sasha, to the Midway before serving as the live narrator for the evening performance of *Icarus at the Edge of Time*.

When asked what he thought about MoMath's goal of making math fun for kids and adults, Schreiber smiled and stated, "I think it's fantastic."

The World Science Festival Street Fair also excited award-winning actor, director, and science buff Alan Alda, who, along with wife Arlene, became founding contributors to the Museum of Mathematics.

As excitement continues to spread, the Museum of Mathematics gets ever closer to its grand opening in Manhattan in late 2011, making it the country's only museum dedicated to the wonders of mathematics.



Clockwise from bottom left: Alan Alda, Liev Schreiber, Brian Greene.

Where is the Math Midway?

June 11, 2010 – The Math Midway is currently at its last East Coast venue through July 6th at the Ward Melville Heritage Organization in historic Stony Brook, New York.

For those who want to visit the Midway, admission is \$11 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$9 for children under 12. Children 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

For those interested in unlimited visits to the Midway, a family of one adult and one child can purchase a Family Exhibit Pass for \$50. For a family of four (must include one adult 18 years or older), a Family Exhibit Pass can be purchased for \$75. Please call for student group rates.

For more information, please visit mathmidway.org, wmho.org, or call 631-751-2244.



The MoMath Staff Has Grown!

Glen Whitney, Executive Director, George Hart, Chief of Content & Strategic Planning, and Cindy Lawrence, Chief of Operations, have begun to build the MoMath team. Tim Nissen, formerly of Ralph Appelbaum Associates, has come aboard as chief designer. Andrea Cannizzaro, a graduate of Stony Brook University, helps ensure that operations flow smoothly as office coordinator. Christine Horstman, formerly a senior marketing and communications specialist, handles internal communications, graphics, and development. Walter Dawkins, a journalist with experience in both the newspaper business and the music industry, fulfills a public relations, marketing, and external communications role. And Josh Brandoff, a systems innovator specializing in biologically-inspired design principles, has become the Museum's resident IT expert and mathematical programmer.



From left to right, back row: Glen Whitney, Christine Horstman. From left to right, front row: Andrea Cannizzaro, Walter Dawkins, Josh Brandoff, Cindy Lawrence, Tim Nissen, George Hart.

USA Science & Engineering Festival

June 9, 2010 – The Museum of Mathematics is excited to participate in the Inaugural USA Science & Engineering Festival, hosted by Lockheed Martin, that will be held in Washington DC in October 2010.

According to the organizers, the event “promises to be the ultimate multi-cultural, multi-generational, and multi-disciplinary celebration of science in the United States. The culmination of the Festival will be a two-day Expo in the nation’s capital that will give over 500 science & engineering organizations from all over the United States the opportunity to present themselves with hands-on, fun science activities to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers.”

For more information, visit momath.org or usasciencefestival.org.

Look Who's Riding the Trike!

Joel Klein, Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, takes a spin on the Square-Wheeled Trike at the New York Hall of Science this past spring!

