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Second National Math Festival to Return to Washington, D.C. April 22, 2017

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WASHINGTON, D.C. April 19, 2016 — Math lovers across the country are encouraged to mark their calendars for Saturday, April 22, 2017 when the second National Math Festival organized by the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI) in collaboration with the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) will return to Washington, D.C. The National Math Festival will be hosted at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dozens of corresponding events celebrating the beauty and fundamental importance of mathematics in everyday life will also take place in communities across the country and online. All events will be free and open to the public.

The National Math Festival will bring together some of the most fascinating mathematicians of our time to inspire and challenge participants to see math in new and exciting ways. Experiential programs including hands-on demos, performances, games, and more will appeal to a wide range of interests and will engage toddlers through life-long learners. In addition to the festivities taking place in Washington, D.C., thousands more will be participating in related programs at museums and participating venues across the country as well as online.

“Last year, more than 20,000 people of all ages and interests experienced math as never before at the inaugural National Math Festival in Washington, D.C. We are thrilled to bring this beloved event back to Washington in April 2017,” said David Eisenbud, Director, MSRI. “You don’t have to be a mathematician to understand and enjoy how math powers technology, medicine, commerce, and all aspects of our daily lives. At the National Math Festival, math comes alive.”

“The Institute for Advanced Study is proud to be collaborating with MSRI again on the next National Math Festival in 2017,” stated Robbert Dijkgraaf, Director and Leon Levy Professor, IAS. “Mathematics stimulates and powers the world around us, and the Festival is an ideal way to encourage the public’s participation and engagement with mathematics while creating understanding of its impact and potential.”

For updates on the National Math Festival and to enjoy, explore, and discover math games, puzzles, books, and more, visit www.nationalmathfestival.org, or follow us on Twitter [@NatMathFestival](https://twitter.com/NatMathFestival), on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nationalmathfestival or on Instagram [@natmathfestival](https://www.instagram.com/natmathfestival).

The National Math Festival is hosted in partnership with the country’s leading mathematics organizations including the American Mathematical Society (AMS), the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM), and the Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM). The Festival is generously supported by the

Simons Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, The Kavli Foundation, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, and the Research Corporation for Science Advancement. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Heike Friedman, Director of Development, MSRI at 510-643-6056 or at hfriedman@msri.org.

About the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI)

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About the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS)

The Institute for Advanced Study, founded in 1930 as an independent institution in Princeton, New Jersey, is one of the world's leading centers for basic research in the sciences and humanities, where the permanent faculty and visiting scholars have the freedom to pursue some of the deepest theoretical questions without pressure for immediate outcomes. Its reach has been multiplied many times over through the more than 7,000 scholars who have influenced entire fields of study as well as the work and minds of colleagues and students. www.ias.edu

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