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National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath) to Host "Math Walk in the Park" Through Madison Square Park with Internationally Acclaimed Educator, Ron Lancaster Hidden mathematical features and interesting facts about famed New York park will be shared with participants

Saturday, July 14 at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

New York, NY (July 10, 2018), The <u>National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath)</u> will present <u>Math Walk</u> <u>in the Park</u> with Ron Lancaster Saturday, July 14 at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The event will explore the mathematical objects hidden throughout Madison Square Park, including hexagons, chessboards, and even a peculiar mathematical pattern hundreds of feet above the park.

During the event, mathematician and internationally acclaimed educator, Ron Lancaster, will use multigrade problems and activities to reveal numbers, ratios, geometrical shapes, and other mathematical sequences that exist in everyday life. Lancaster will reveal interesting and thought-provoking mathematical elements hidden in plain sight in the popular park, which is across the street from MoMath.

"We are delighted that Ron Lancaster will be hosting the *Math Walk in the Park* event to present the world around us through a mathematical lens," said Cindy Lawrence, Executive Director of MoMath. "Ron is an expert when it comes to developing strategies to help people of all ages experience authentic mathematical moments."

Ron Lancaster is an associate professor at the University of Toronto and has participated in hundreds of professional consultations and conference presentations across the globe, including the highly-regarded Phillips Exeter Academy Mathematics and Technology Conference. Ron is an author for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics journal, *Mathematics Teacher*, and is well known for his expertise in designing math trails in many different locations around the world. He was the recipient of the 2015 Margaret Sinclair Memorial Award Recognizing Innovation and Excellence in Mathematics Education awarded by the Fields Institute.

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 north side of popular Madison Square Park in Manhattan, is open seven days a week, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. For more information, visit <u>momath.org.</u>

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