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**G4G13—the 13th Biennial Gathering 4 Gardner Conference
Celebrating the Legacy of Martin Gardner—to Host Public Events
for First Time, in Decatur (April 13), Atlanta (April 11, 15)**

Public Events Include Street Fair, Math Walk, Sculpture Constructions, Magic Performances, M.C. Escher Exhibit Sneak Peak, and Three Lectures, Including One by Erno Rubik, Inventor of Rubik's Cube,

March 2, 2018 (Atlanta/Decatur, GA) — For the first time in the event's quarter-century history, G4G13—the 13th biennial bash hosted by the Gathering 4 Gardner (G4G) Foundation, which is dedicated to preserving the legacy of prolific writer and polymath Martin Gardner—will include events open to the public, in downtown Decatur and around Atlanta, from April 11-15.

A street fair and one lecture will take place on Friday, April 13 in downtown Decatur, with two additional lectures taking place at Georgia Tech and in downtown Atlanta on April 11 and 15, respectively. Public event details are as follows:

-FRI., APRIL 13 EVENTS:

***Decatur Street Fair, Math Walk, Sculpture Construction, Puzzle Solving, Magic Performances, and "M.C. Escher +" Art Exhibit Sneak Peek.** Taking place from 4-6 p.m. in downtown Decatur's Depot District—on East Howard Ave. from Sycamore Place to Hillyer Place—visitors can enjoy activities such as mathematical sculpture building or observing, puzzle solving, and a math walk, as well as street magicians and jugglers. They'll also get a sneak peek of the **"M.C. Escher +"** exhibition at DIFFERENT TRAINS GALLERY. (The show opens to the public with an artists' reception on Saturday, April 14, from 5-9 p.m., and continues through June 9.)

***Professor Doris Schattschneider** of Moravian College presents "Math and M.C. Escher's Art" at 8 p.m. at Decatur Presbyterian Church (205 Sycamore Street, Decatur, 30030), a short walk from the street fair, followed by a book signing. Attendees of this free lecture will learn how Martin Gardner's April 1961 "Mathematical Games" column in *Scientific American* (on a new geometry book by H.S.M. Coxeter) introduced readers to Escher's symmetry drawings and how the cover of that issue of *Scientific American* caused Escher to write a correction to the editor. Doors open at 7:30.

ADDITIONAL LECTURES

-Wed., April 11: Professor Ernő Rubik, famed Rubik's Cube inventor, makes a very rare public speaking appearance, with "In Conversation With Ernő Rubik," 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, at Georgia Tech's Clough Auditorium (266 Fourth St. NW, Atlanta, 30332). Rubik will discuss a wide range of topics, from design and architecture to the role of curiosity in the human condition, as well as his four decades with the Cube.

***Sunday, April 15: Professor Manjul Bhargava** of Princeton University will present "Poetry, Drumming, and Mathematics" at 2:30 p.m. at Fulton County Central Library in downtown Atlanta (One Margaret Mitchell Square, 30303). Professor Bhargava is a winner of the [Fields Medal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fields_Medal) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fields_Medal] (which, along with the Abel Prize, is the highest honor a mathematician can receive), as well as an accomplished tabla player.

Colm Mulcahy, VP of Gathering 4 Gardner and Professor of Mathematics at Spelman College, said, "Residents of Atlanta and Decatur will be extraordinarily lucky this April to have opportunities to witness three of the world's

leaders in the interface of mathematics with puzzles, art, and music present at free public events. First, Rubik's Cube, the most successful toy ever, and one with considerable mathematical ramifications, needs no introduction. To have its creator, Hungarian architect Professor Ernő Rubik, speak is such an honor. Second, the art of M.C. Escher is renowned for its beautiful relationship to non-Euclidean geometry, and we're thrilled to have the world's expert on that connection, Professor Doris Schattschneider, present her lecture, not to mention having an exhibition of Escher and other prints opening that weekend at DIFFERENT TRAINS GALLERY nearby. Third, Fields Medalist Professor Manjul Bhargava brings a unique perspective to the triple intersection of poetry, music, and math. His talk will highlight the connections between Sanskrit poetry, tabla playing, and mathematics. These three free public events will showcase the very best of STEAM and we know the general public will find them stimulating and rewarding."

For more information about the G4G Foundation, visit www.Gathering4Gardner.org, as well as on:

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and **YouTube** [<https://www.youtube.com/c/G4GCelebration>].

To view and download photos from past events, [click on this Dropbox link](#):

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About Gathering 4 Gardner Foundation

The Gathering 4 Gardner (G4G) Foundation stimulates curiosity, the playful exchange of ideas, and critical thinking for people ages 8-80+ in recreational math, magic, science, literature, and puzzles to preserve the legacy of prolific writer and polymath Martin Gardner. G4G is comprised of a community of people who share [Martin Gardner's](http://www.gathering4gardner.org/who-was-martin-gardner/) [<http://www.gathering4gardner.org/who-was-martin-gardner/>] interests and was [founded by the late Tom Rodgers](http://www.gathering4gardner.org/the-gathering-history/) [<http://www.gathering4gardner.org/the-gathering-history/>], a Gardner fan and puzzle collector. Gardner is celebrated and honored for popularizing recreational mathematics, bringing delightful, magical, and wondrous mathematics to laymen and mathematicians, scientists, and engineers. More information at www.Gathering4Gardner.org.

Interviews available upon request.