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Ben Franklin's Curious Mind **Exhibition Programs** *(listed chronologically)*

Tuesday, February 7, 3:30-5 p.m.

Teacher's Preview: *Ben Franklin's Curious Mind*

A Museum staff tour of the exhibition followed by the presentation of school program and teacher materials (.1 CEU). Open to schoolteachers only. Call (203) 869-6786, ext. 338, for reservations.

Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.

Dinner and Lecture Series: *Dinner with Ben.*

Franklin as Scientist by Professor Dudley Herschbach, Nobel laureate and The Frank B. Baird, Jr. Professor of Science, Harvard University. Enjoy cocktails followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the presentation in this three part series. (Additional dates are March 15 and 29). Sorry, no phone reservations or refunds for this series. Advance reservations only by check or credit card information (card #, exp. date, and name on card) to: Ben Franklin Dinners, Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830. \$65 members, \$70 non-members, per person, per event. Please specify dates. Reservation deadline for each dinner-lecture is Friday preceding the event.

Sunday, February 19, 3 p.m.

Music at the Bruce. 2006 Young People's Concert: *Ben Franklin Rocks! A Peddler's Pack:*

Colonial American Folksongs. **Jim Douglas** sings history alive with a sing-along concert of traditional folksongs, some penned by Benjamin Franklin himself! First in a three-concert series designed for children in grades 1-5 and their parents/guardians. American colonial music is the theme of these programs that feature music from Benjamin Franklin's time. Suitable for people of all abilities. \$3 per person, per concert. Reservations strongly suggested; call the Museum at (203) 869-0376.

Tuesday-Friday, February 21, 22, 23, 24, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

School Vacation Workshops: *Ben Franklin's Great Ideas*

Students in grades 1-3 will explore the exhibition and then work on related projects. Reservations are required; call the Museum at (203) 869-0376. \$5 Bruce Museum members and \$7 non-members, per child, per day, includes all materials. Tuesday: *Candle making*; Wednesday: *Kites*; Thursday: *Franklin Bells*; Friday: *Ben Franklin Puppets*

Individualized/modified workshops for individuals with special needs will run from 1-2 p.m. each day. Call the Director of Education at (203) 869-6786, ext. 325, for reservations. \$5 members, \$7 non-members per child, per day, plus one additional sibling or friend participating at no additional charge.

Sunday, February 26, 1-4 p.m.

Family Day: *Celebrating Ben Franklin*

Fun, educational activities for the whole family! Hands-on activities and demonstrations, including Daniel Rosenberg from Harvard University's Science Department and his exploding Thunder House! At 3 p.m. Flying Ship Productions from Encore! presents ***The Courage to Dream: The Amazing Life of Ben Franklin.*** Show is suitable for children in first grade and above. Activities free with Museum admission. Complimentary Museum admission today for anyone named Franklin. ID required.

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Sunday, March 5, 3 p.m.

Music at the Bruce: *Ben Franklin Rocks! 2006 Young People's Concerts*

18th Century Colonial Music. **Mappamundi** (meaning "map of the world") presents a lively concert of "Sacred Harp" folk hymns, fiddle tunes, ballads, and songs about important historical events. Part of a concert series designed for children in grades 1-5 and their parents/guardians. American colonial music is the theme of these programs that feature music from Benjamin Franklin's time. Suitable for people of all abilities. \$3 per person, per concert. Reservations strongly suggested; call the Museum at (203) 869-0376.

Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 p.m.

Dinner and Lecture Series: *Dinner with Ben*

Franklin: The Personal Side. Claude-Anne Lopez, translator for *The Papers of Benjamin Franklin*, Yale University, and author of several books including *Mon Cher Papa: Franklin and the Ladies of Paris*, *The Private Franklin: The Man and His Family* in collaboration with Eugene Herbert, and *My Life with Benjamin Franklin*. Enjoy cocktails followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the presentation. Sorry, no phone reservations or refunds. Advance reservations only by check or credit card information (card #, exp. date, and name on card) to: Ben Franklin Dinners, Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830. \$65 members, \$70 non-members, per person, per event. Please specify date. Reservation deadline is Friday, March 10.

Sunday, March 19, 3 p.m.

Music at the Bruce. 2006 Young People's Concert: *Ben Franklin Rocks!*

Benjamin Franklin's Glass Armonica. Mistress Vera Meyer performs on the unique and hauntingly harmonic glass armonica, which was invented in 1761 by Benjamin Franklin. Designed for children in grades 1-5 and their parents/guardians. American colonial music is the theme of these programs that feature music from Benjamin Franklin's time. Suitable for people of all abilities. \$3 per person, per concert. Reservations strongly suggested. Call the Museum at (203) 869-0376.

Sunday, March 26, 3 p.m.

Special Lecture: *Franklin the Musician*

Ellen Cohn, Editor in Chief, *The Papers of Benjamin Franklin*, Yale University, will speak on Benjamin Franklin's love of music, particularly simple "unaffected" airs. She will discuss the songs that Franklin wrote, the songs he quoted in his letters, the many instruments he played (including the one he invented), his ideas on music theory, and how playing and singing in intimate settings helped foster many of his most enduring friendships. Ms. Cohn is also a celebrated folk musician and will be singing some of Franklin's songs during the lecture. Free to Museum members and \$5 for non-members at the door. Reservations recommended. Call (203) 869-0376.

Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 p.m.

Dinner and Lecture Series: *Dinner with Ben*

Ben Franklin Alive! with Emmy Award-winning actor Bill Meikle. Gather for dinner in 1789 with Dr. Franklin in person! Enjoy cocktails followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the presentation. Sorry, no phone reservations or refunds for this series. Advance reservations only by check or credit card information (card #, exp. date, and name on card) to: Ben Franklin Dinners, Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830. \$65 members, \$70 non-members, per person, per event. Please specify date. Reservation deadline is Friday, March 24.

The Bruce Museum of Arts and Science is located at 1 Museum Drive in Greenwich, Connecticut. It is situated near Interstate-95, Exit 3, and a short walk from the Greenwich, CT rail station. Museum hours are: Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students, and free for children under five and members. Free admission to all on Tuesdays. Groups of eight or more require advance reservations. Museum exhibition tours are held Fridays at 12:30 p.m. Free, on-site parking is available. The Bruce Museum is accessible to individuals with disabilities. For information, call the Bruce Museum at (203) 869-0376 or visit the Bruce Museum of Arts and Science website at www.brucemuseum.org