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2020 Maine Science Festival – celebrating the Bicentennial and Maine Science

BANGOR, ME – The 6th Maine Science Festival (MSF) is back with more than 70 events and activities for *all ages* over 5 days. In the year when we celebrate our Bicentennial, the 2020 Maine Science Festival's headliner event, sponsored by Emera Maine, is an all-Maine event: the world premiere of *The Warming Sea*, a symphonic exploration of hope in the face of climate change. The MSF commissioned GRAMMY award winner [Lucas Richman](#) to write *The Warming Sea*, and it is part of the Bangor Symphony Orchestra's [March 22, 2020](#) concert ([Masterworks IV: Sounds of the Sea](#)). It is also a [Maine Bicentennial event](#).

The MSF is also continuing its longtime partnership and collaboration with [Penobscot Theatre Company](#). This year, Penobscot Theatre Company is presenting the play [Safety Net](#) by Daryl Lisa Fazio (March 13-29th) and the MSF is working with them and providing a series of discussions as part of the full run of the show: 12 pre-talk conversations and 4 post-play talk-backs (after the matinees).

Beyond the arts partnerships, this year's MSF again shows the wide variety of the science expertise in Maine. Over the five days, sessions will cover the science of climate change, dogs, space, aquaculture, history, economics, addiction, sound, sleep, renewable energy, virtual and augmented reality, and more. There is no better way to learn about Maine science.

"The MSF is a chance to not only learn from some of the best Maine has to offer, but also to celebrate them and their work," says MSF Founder and Director Kate Dickerson. "And partnering with arts organizations allows the scientists, researchers, and practitioners in Maine the opportunity to reach an entirely different audience than who they usually reach. I think that's a perfect representation of what the Maine Science Festival is all about."

While all events other than the headliner are free of charge thanks to the support of [MSF Sponsors](#), there is a suggested donation of \$5. Dickerson explained, "Many science festivals around the country charge anywhere from \$10-30 for just one event like Tech Night or 5 Minute Genius. The MSF doesn't, but we hope to get some donations from festival-goers who can afford it. That way we can make sure that everyone has the opportunity to learn about Maine's world and national leading researchers."

All MSF events other than MSF Science Trivia Nights and the world premiere of *The Warming Sea* will take place in Bangor. On Saturday, March 16th, there will be events both at the Cross Insurance Center and at locations throughout Downtown Bangor. On all other days of the MSF, the events will be held in Downtown Bangor. All the details for the 2020 program can be found online at <https://www.mainesciencefestival.org/2020-maine-science-festival-program/>

Paper programs will be available at Maine Science Festival events.

March 18-22, 2020

ABOUT THE MAINE SCIENCE FESTIVAL

As the first and only science festival in Maine, the Maine Science Festival is a celebration of the national and world leading science by the Mainers who do it. The MSF encourages attendees to question the world around them and seeks to inspire not only the next generation of scientists and engineers, but also facilitate grass roots scientific thinking at the citizen level. Through partners and sponsors, the MSF works to showcase the remarkable work happening in Maine daily. The 6th Maine Science Festival is March 18-22, 2020, with five days of events for all ages.

The MSF also produces events that take place outside of the March festival time-frame and are significantly smaller than a full festival: MSF Pop-up Events. These are events that you would expect to find during the Festival itself, held in different locations around the state. MSF Pop-up events are often done with MSF Partners, and allow the MSF to showcase the remarkable science happening in Maine year-round. Some MSF Pop-up Events double as fundraisers, to help us ensure that the full MSF weekend remains available to all.

For more details, updates and information visit www.mainsciencefestival.org, and find the MSF on Facebook, Twitter (@MEScienceFest), and Instagram (mainsciencefestival).

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