



MIM Loves Teachers—July Is Educator Appreciation Month

The end-of-the-school-year whirlwind is rapidly approaching. Before it slips away, please mark your calendar to join us in July for Educator Appreciation Month, when all prekindergarten through 12th-grade teachers and administrators can visit MIM for free.*

Current prekindergarten through 12th-grade teachers, school and district administrators, registered student teachers, teacher's aides, and homeschool educators are invited to familiarize themselves with MIM's school-group tours and other educational resources.

Educators are also invited to attend one of our special Preview Days on July 18, 19, 26, and 27.

Over light refreshments and live musical performances, teachers will be able to:

- Enjoy live musical performances by Dmitri Matheny Group (July 18 and 19) and Sampradaya Dance of India (July 25 and 26), two of MIM's 2015–2016 Artists in Residence.
- Take a sneak peek at MIM's newest school tour option and see demonstrations of our science curriculum.
- Learn about professional development opportunities as well as College and Career Readiness and Arizona State Standards curricula available to use with students pre- and post-visit to MIM
- Receive information about grant opportunities
- Win great prizes including concert tickets, MIM gift cards, hotel stays, supplies for your classroom, and more!

Receive an additional entry for a chance to win great prizes for every colleague you bring to Preview Days. [Register now!](#)

Please visit our [event webpage](#) in the coming months for the latest information.

**During the entire month of July, PreK–12 educators, administrators, principals, registered student teachers, and homeschool educators will receive free museum admission with a school ID, fingerprint clearance, or affidavit of intent.*



Summer Camp Field Trips

Do you want something exciting to do with your summer students? Bring them to MIM to explore the museum using state-of-the-art wireless headsets and to play unique and exotic instruments in the Experience Gallery. Groups have the option to include a West African drumming workshop or visit the special exhibition Beyond the Beat: Drums of the World. Guided and self-guided tours are available for ages 5-18.

\$8 - Student tour admission (ages 5-18)

\$2 - Signature Workshop Programs (additional, per student)

Minimum group size is 10 and maximum is 120

Tours are offered seven days a week during regular museum hours. MIM's suggested tour times are 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on weekdays, but our team will be delighted to work with you to tailor the tour's time and length to your needs. Call MIM's school and group tour coordinator at 480.245.6919 or e-mail grouptours@MIM.org to select your date.

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New Tour for Prekindergarten Students Debuting in August for the 2015–2016 school year!

SOUNDS ALL AROUND

By enjoying video clips of musicians and ensembles, looking at instruments on display, and using touchable materials, prekindergarten students will begin to understand how musical instruments are made and played. With the guidance of a MIM museum guide, everyone will dance, play, and make music!

If you'd like to see a tour preview, RSVP for a Preview Day on July 18, 19, 26, or 27: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MIMteacherpreview2015>

Or book it now by calling MIM's school and group tour coordinator at 480.245.6919 or e-mailing grouptours@MIM.org to select your date.



MIM Activity in Your Classroom: Making a Harmonica

MATERIALS NEEDED

- 2 Tongue depressors
- 3 Rubber bands
- 2 Strips of construction paper (2 in. x 6 in.)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Take one tongue depressor and the two strips of construction paper. Wrap each strip on each end of the stick.
2. Use one rubber band and stretch it around the stick horizontally so that it will hold the rubber bands in place.
3. Take the second tongue presser and put it on top.
4. Use the last two rubber bands to wrap the two sticks together at each end.
5. Blow into it and it's done!

Fun Fact

A tiny harmonica was the first musical instrument played in space! In December 1965, an astronaut named Walter "Wally" Schirra Jr. took a Hohner "Little Lady" model harmonica into space on the Gemini 6A spacecraft and played "Jingle Bells" while orbiting the earth. MIM currently has two Little Lady harmonicas on display (in the Orientation and Europe Galleries).

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