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Reflections on Mathematics and Mathematicians

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Abstract

This is a general talk on the subject of mathematics intended for a mixed audience of mathematicians and non-mathematicians. Topics will include: breakthroughs in mathematics, problems and conjectures, public conceptions and misconceptions about mathematics, characteristics and the social behavior of mathematicians, etc. Partly based on the personal experiences of the speaker as a professional mathematician, the talk will be a light-hearted (and sometimes irreverent) presentation on his favorite subject.

Refreshments will be available 30 minutes prior to the lecture

All are welcome