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### **Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum to Host American Scientist and Demonstrations as Part of the Annual Mississippi Science Fest**

**JACKSON, Miss.** – The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum will host American scientist and activist Temple Grandin as she speaks to the public as part of the 6th annual Mississippi Science Fest (MSF) on Friday, September 17, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The Mississippi Science Fest is the LeFleur Museum District's signature event, and will take place Thursday, September 16, through Saturday, September 18. This annual festival celebrates careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields and demonstrates the wide variety of STEM concepts and industries available in Mississippi to children of all ages. Visit [www.mssciencefest.org](http://www.mssciencefest.org) online to learn more about the 2021 MSF, purchase tickets and view the full schedule.

This year's event will include a special oration by Dr. Temple Grandin on her experience with science, agriculture, and autism awareness. Grandin will speak at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum's Sparkman Auditorium at 11:00 a.m. Grandin will also be available for a book signing from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m.

In addition, the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum will provide guests with interactive activities and demonstrations. These include blacksmithing and train exhibitions, robotics presentations and more throughout the three-day event. The Children's Barnyard and Small Town, Mississippi, will also be open to the public. Lunch will be available for purchase on Friday and Saturday inside the General Store.

The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum, located at 1150 Lakeland Drive in Jackson, is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call 601-432-4500 or 1-800-844-8687, visit [www.msagmuseum.org](http://www.msagmuseum.org) or visit the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum's page on Facebook.

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**Flyer attached. Media Note:** The LeFleur Museum District will be holding a press conference at 10:15 a.m. prior to Dr. Temple Grandin's presentation. Dr. Grandin and LeFleur Museum District representatives will be available 15 minutes before and after the press conference for interviews. Media contact: Angela Mitchell, Director of External Affairs for the Mississippi Children's Museum; [angela@mcm.ms](mailto:angela@mcm.ms); 601-709-8354.

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Organized by the Mississippi Children's Museum, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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