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EINSTEIN AND PICASSO GO HEAD-TO-HEAD AT THE BMA IN COMEDIAN STEVE MARTIN'S PLAY

- EVENT:** Staged Reading: *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* performed by Theatre Hopkins
- DATE/TIME:** Friday & Saturday, April 17 & 18, 8 p.m.
Sunday, April 19, 2 p.m.
- LOCATION:** The Baltimore Museum of Art, 10 Art Museum Drive at North Charles & 31st Streets
- OVERVIEW:** Comedian Steve Martin imagines a jaunty duel of wits between Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso in this clever and humorous play set in the famed Lapin Agile bar in the Montmartre section of Paris at the dawn of the 20th century—when Picasso painted his *Circus Family* and just before their respective breakthroughs in science and art. Performed by Theatre Hopkins.
- TICKETS:** Tickets for *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and \$7 for ages 18 and under, and include admission to the exhibition. Tickets are available in person at the BMA Box Office, by calling 1-800-919-6272 (service charges apply), or online at artbma.org (service charges apply).
- EXHIBITION:** *A Circus Family: Picasso to Léger*, on view at the BMA through May 17, 2009, features more than 80 prints, drawings, paintings, and books by Pablo Picasso, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Fernand Léger, and other European artists fascinated by the extravagant spectacle of the circus and the bohemian lives of the performers outside the ring. This special ticketed exhibition brings together major works from museums and private collections to offer a behind-the-scenes look at the circus during its heyday as a form of popular entertainment. The exhibition is generously sponsored by The Rouse Company Foundation.
- UPCOMING EVENT:** May 8, 9, & 10 – Zany Umbrella Circus: *The Enchanted Toy Box*
- VISITOR INFO:** General admission to the BMA is free. Special events and exhibitions may be ticketed. The BMA is open Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m.– 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.– 6 p.m. The Museum is closed Monday, Tuesday, New Year's Day, July 4, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The BMA is located on Art Museum Drive at North Charles and 31st Streets, three miles north of Baltimore's Inner Harbor. For general Museum information, call 443-573-1700 or visit artbma.org.

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