

Science in the Cinema-Los Angeles

A Beautiful Mind with Dr. Stephen Marder

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Ahmanson Theatre, University Hall at LMU



A Beautiful Mind tells the story of John Nash, a Nobel prize winner who struggled through most of his adult life with schizophrenia. We first meet Nash (Russell Crowe) as a student at Princeton in 1947. He is brilliant but erratic - a mathematical genius who lacks social skills. Years later, following an astounding breakthrough that revolutionizes economics, John is teaching at M.I.T. and doing code breaking work for a shady government agent (Ed Harris). It's at this time that John falls in love and marries Alicia (Jennifer Connelly). But his happy world soon starts to crumble. John is afflicted with paranoid hallucinations; by the time he is taken to a mental hospital under the care of the mysterious Dr. Rosen (Christopher Plummer), he is diagnosed as having an advanced case of schizophrenia. Directed by Ron Howard, *A Beautiful Mind* defies the conventional Hollywood wisdom that love is passion and romance. For John and Alicia, it is painful, heartbreaking work.

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Dr. Marder was born and raised in New York, NY and received his BA from University of Pennsylvania and his MD from the State University of New York, Buffalo. He is the author of more than 150 journal articles and 50 book chapters. In his leisure time, he enjoys classical music and plays golf and tennis. He lives in LA with his wife.

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