

# “BLINDFOLD CHESS KING” TO HOLD PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF BLINDFOLD CHESS IN TULSA on May 18

Grandmaster Timur Gareyev, who holds the Guinness World Record for the most games of blindfold chess played simultaneously, will give a public exhibition and lecture on this rare skill on **Friday evening, May 18, 6:30pm**, at the **Wyndham Hotel, 10918 East 41st Street, in the main ballroom**.

**Admission is free.** All spectators are welcome.

Gareyev set the world record on December 4, 2016, playing 48 tournament players simultaneously, (winning 35, drawing 7, losing only 6) without sight of the board. He travels around the world giving exhibitions; his last three events were in Singapore, India, and New Orleans.



In blindfold chess matches, the grandmaster cannot see the board while his opponents can. This means that he must keep a mental image of the board, complete with the position of every piece, plus then make good moves too! Multiple simultaneous games are an immensely difficult test of memory and skill.

**For Tulsa, Gareyev** will first give an interactive lecture about the nature of blindfold chess, and why players may want to try it — and then **will take on 7 Oklahoma tournament players**, including two rated Experts and several scholastic chess stars.

Gareyev will then stay over the weekend to play in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual FRANK K BERRY MEMORIAL chess tournament, being held at the same hotel venue.



**Blindfold Chess Exhibition**  
**GM Timur Gareyev**  
**May 18, 2018 Tulsa**

Timur Gareyev (pronounced “ga-RAY-ev”) is nicknamed “**The Blindfold King**” and is an exciting performer. He is often described as eccentric or a free spirit. He likes to ride a stationary bike while giving these exhibitions, to help him concentrate. He is also an accomplished skydiver, base jumper, yoga practitioner, and a world traveler.

*The event is locally sponsored by the Tulsa Chess Club as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Frank K Berry Memorial tournament.*

**Photos and videos are allowed** if your camera makes no flash and no noise and your actions don’t intrude on Gareyev’s concentration. **Try to arrive early for the event.**

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