



## Celebrity Museums

This week on our article, we tell you about some celebrity museums. Some museums present the best of high culture. These are not the museums we are going to talk about today. We are going to explore places where people can learn about the lives of famous entertainers from the past.

We start with a museum that is opened in 2004 in a building behind an office park and a food store near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Welcome to the Stoozeum. It honors the old comedy team the Three Stooges. Over the years there were more than three Stooges, but the best remembered team was Larry, Moe and Curly. The Three Stooges were popular in movies during the 1930s and forties. They were on television in the fifties and sixties. They were known especially for their physical comedy -- things like hitting each other over the head while caught in some bad situation. Fans can relive the group's history at the Stoozeum. About 50,000 photographs and articles written about the Three Stooges are on display.

The museum also has about 20,000 other objects in its collection. The Stoozeum is a public display of the personal collection of Gary Lassin. He began collecting items about the Three Stooges more than 25 years ago. That was after he met his future wife, Robin. Gary Lassin always liked the Three Stooges. But his interest grew after he learned that Robin's grandfather was the brother of Larry Fine -- the Larry in Larry and Moe. The Three Stooges got their start in the stage entertainment of the 1920s known as vaudeville. The museum collection follows them from there through TV appearances in the 1970s. The collection include games, comic strips, comic book covers, theater posters, costumes, show scripts and an art gallery. The gallery has a room-size painting along with drawings of the Stooges made by famous artists. And the museum has an 85 seat theater that continually plays Three Stooges films. People who want to visit the Stoozeum must make an appointment. Gary Lassin has a full time job, at a mail-order company. But there is no charge to see the collection. He just wants to share it with others.





**Read the text and decide if the sentences True**

**(T) or False (F)**

1. The Stogeum Museum hosts the memoirs from an update comedy team. (T) (F)
2. The Three Stogees have never been seen in the TV shows. (T) (F)
3. The Three Stogees are famous for their physical jokes. (T) (F)
4. In the museum, there are paintings from well-known artists. (T) (F)
5. A price needs to be paid in order to see the collection. (T) (F)

**Answer Key**

1. False
2. False
3. True
4. True
5. False

