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Itinerary of Mr. Martin's four-and-a-half-year tour giving exhibitions of automatons, lantern and spectrology shows, deceptions, balloon launchings, and fireworks, 1806–11.

Location	Date of Arrival	Date of Departure	Place	Program	Notes	Image Type
Boston	18 Dec. 1806	15 Jan. 1807	Bowen's Columbian Museum	Balancing automaton; apparitions	Artist from Paris Museum burned	
Boston	27 Oct. 1807		3 Court Street West	4 automatons		
Salem, Mass.	1 Jan. 1808	29 Jan. 1808	Washington Hall	Balancing automaton; musical sorcerer		
Providence	5 Mar. 1808		Aldrich's Hall	Mechanical deceptions	Misfortunes by fire, Boston	
New York City	28 Mar. 1808	5 Apr. 1808	Assembly Room, City Hotel	Balancing automaton; other automatons		
New York City	26 May 1808	25 June 1808	Lyceum, Broadway and Warren	Rope dancer; spectrology; magic dice	Artist from Europe	
Albany	14 July 1808	21 July 1808	Thespian Hotel	Mechanisms		
Philadelphia	19 Sept. 1808	22 Oct. 1808	Large room, Shakespeare Hotel	Magic art; mechanical automatons	Artist lately from Europe; good music	
Philadelphia	2 May 1809	6 May 1809	Mr. Falcone's Ball Room, Spruce Street	Optical illusions	Italian music	1
Philadelphia	4 July 1809			Balloon ascension		
Philadelphia	18 July 1809		Old Center House, Market Street	Fireworks		
Charleston	1 Nov. 1809	6 Dec. 1809	Carolina Coffee House	Experiments; deceptions	From Europe	1
Wilmington, N.C.	4 July 1810		Wilmington Academy	Fireworks	Martin struck by lightning	
Richmond, Va.	2 Oct. 1810		Hay-Market Garden	Balloon; fireworks		
Alexandria, Va.	29 Oct. 1810	10 Nov. 1810	Theater	Multiplication of witches		1
Washington, D.C.	1 Dec. 1810		Washington Theater	Mathematical amusements		
New York City	16 Mar. 1811	15 Apr. 1811	Theater, 5 Murray Street	Dancer; deceptions	Good orchestra	1
New York City	30 Mar. 1811	10 Apr. 1811			Martin's tools and instruments for sale with instructions	

Sources: "Early American Newspapers."

Key to images:

1 = Martin's balancing automaton, Philadelphia 1809 and Alexandria 1811 (**fig. 19.2**)