

THE APPA Newsletter
August 4, 2009

See This Weekend

MISSION STATEMENT:

Promote full utilization of the capabilities of the Enterprise's employees and champion the betterment of the company and community. Promote interest in Asian Pacific issues and culture and act as a bridge to all groups within our community. (substitute in your Enterprise and company, etc...)

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Back issues of the newsletter for all of 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009 are available at
<http://www.ikemi.info/APPA/newsletters>.

if you want to look up some past event.

This newsletter was originally published under the auspices of the Hughes Asian Pacific Professional Association (no longer extant). It currently has no affiliation and is available to anyone who is interested in downloading it.

Please send in information on cultural events and news items to dkikemi@pacbell.net. The mac.com address will be shut down soon. Thanks to those who have.

Long range calendar items:

Chinatown Farmers Market EVERY THURSDAY FROM 2-6PM, the Chinatown Farmers' Market takes place at Hill & Alpine bringing fresh fruits and produce by California Farmers to the Chinatown Community. FRIED BANANA, FRIED YAM, HAWAIIAN CHICKEN. We invite you to come and experience the Chinatown Farmers' Market. Free parking with purchase.

The Downtown Arts District/Little Tokyo Farmers' Market

Weller Court 2nd & San Pedro in Little Tokyo Summer Hours 10-3pm

Features fresh produce, Hawaiian Chicken, more food gifts...and live jazz band.

Tuesdays from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

The weekly market is held every Tuesday from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m year round, rain or shine. Sponsored by LARABA the market will include farm-fresh produce, Asian produce, organic produce, eggs, seafood, cheese, olives, olive oils, flowers, plants, bread and prepared foods and more. Hawaiian Chicken, Roasted corn on the cobb Local businesses interested in having a prepared food booth at the market or individuals interested in volunteering at this non-profit event, please contact Susan Hutchinson at 323-660-8660 for more information

Los Angeles Public Library Celebrates our DiverseCity

<http://www.lapl.org/kidspath/events/diversecity/index.html>

May 15 through August 23, 2009 "ANIME!" AN EXHIBITION OF THE DEUTSCHES FILMMUSEUM, FRANKFURT AM MAIN, GERMANY, PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ACADEMY OF MOTION PICTURE ARTS AND SCIENCES. SUPPORT FOR THIS EXHIBITION PROVIDED BY THE GOETHE-INSTITUT, LOS ANGELES

Japanese comics and animation have had a strong influence on modern art and popular culture throughout Asia, Europe and the United States. Colorful and energetic, anime enjoys worldwide popularity through numerous television series and feature films such as "Akira" (1988), "Ghost in the Shell" (1995), "Perfect Blue" (1998) and "Metropolis" (2001).

Perhaps most widely known in the U.S. are the works of Hayao Miyazaki, which include "Princess Mononoke" (1997); "Spirited Away" (2001), which won the Academy Award® for Animated Feature Film in 2002; and the Oscar®-nominated feature "Howl's Moving Castle" (2004).

This electrifying traveling exhibition explores the history, aesthetics and production of Japanese animation from its earliest beginnings up through the cinematic successes and popular heroes of the late 1970s serials, and on to the current computer and video game manifestations of this cultural phenomenon.

"ANIME!" illustrates the fascination of anime and its dramatic, and often breathtaking, visual language. On view are rare collectors' items and artwork that has seldom been seen outside Japan. A portion of the exhibition is devoted to manga and its relationship to anime, providing a historical overview of the development of this "comic book" genre from 19th century Japanese woodcuts and book illustrations to the mass-produced manga of the present.

Where

The Academy's Grand Lobby Gallery and Fourth Floor Gallery

8949 Wilshire Boulevard

Beverly Hills, California

Public viewing hours

Tuesday – Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday: Noon to 6 p.m.

Closed Mondays.

Admission

Free

<http://www.oscars.org/events-exhibitions/exhibitions/2009/anime.html>

Fowler in Focus: Masks of Sri Lanka

Through August 30, 2009

Brightly painted wooden masks transform Sri Lankan dancers into specific characters that appear in curing rituals or popular entertainment. Ranging from comical to fierce, these unusual masks have long played an important role in performance genres that were created through the mixing of local indigenous religious traditions with strains of

Buddhism and Hinduism originally imported from the Indian mainland in the first millennium BCE. The Fowler Museum collections include the most important assemblage of nineteenth and early twentieth century Sri Lankan masks in North America. Fowler in Focus: Masks of Sri Lanka presents twenty-five of these rare masks, as well as newly produced masks representing Singhaya (lion) and Mahasona (Great Graveyard Spirit) in full costume.

Developed in collaboration with David Blundell, associate professor, National Chengchi University, Taiwan and consultants in Matara, Southern Province, Sri Lanka: Conrad Ranawake, Institute for the Development of Community Strengths, and A. V. S. Ranasinghe, Sri Lanka Mask and Dance Ensemble. The accompanying programs are made possible through the Sri Lanka Foundation and the Yvonne Lenart Public Programs Fund.

UCLA Fowler Museum

Treasures through Six Generations: Chinese Painting and Calligraphy from the Weng Collection

10-31-2008 - 12-31-2009 The Korean Cultural Center, Los Angeles will be open the Korean Folk Art Museum at the first floor. The new exhibition title is "Emerging Country in East Asia - Elegant Life of Noble Class in Joseon Period".

The Joseon period (1392-1910) was the closest time period to present day Korea and a crucial element for understanding Korean heritage.

Visitor will experience the Joseon period at KCCLA

5505 Wilshire Blvd., L.A.

www.kccla.org

National Museum Presents!

Family Events at the National Museum

August 8: Kidding Around in the Kitchen Family Cooking Adventure: Summer Boredom Busters

August 15: Summer Festival on the Courtyard

August 29: *Common Ground* Tour for Families

August 29: Taiko for Families

JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM

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Hollywood Chinese: The Arthur Dong Collection Exhibition / October 23, 2009 – May 31, 2010

Hollywood Chinese: The Arthur Dong Documentary Collection presents selections from over 800 pieces of movie memorabilia that was collected during the ten-year research for Arthur Dong's groundbreaking film, Hollywood Chinese. Through posters, lobby cards, film stills, and scripts and documents dating from 1912, visitors journey into a vivid and graphic study of how Chinese have been imagined in the movies, reflecting the social and cultural history of the Chinese in America during the last century. In addition to iconic depictions evidenced by material from films such as The Good Earth, The Vengeance of Fu Manchu, Charlie Chan in Honolulu, and Flower Drum Song, highlights of the collection include the surviving archive of pioneer Chinese American filmmaker James B. Leong, who produced the 1921 film, Lotus Blossom, in Los Angeles.

Filmmaker Arthur Dong is the Guest Curator for this exhibition.

The Chinese American Museum

425 N. Los Angeles Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

(The cross street is Arcadia)

camla.org

Discovering Ganesha: Remover of Obstacles

Through September 20, 2009

Ganesha, the so-called "Elephant God," is one of the most adored and widely worshipped deities in the Hindu pantheon. In a series of stunning photographs, New York-based artist Shana Dressler investigates contemporary Ganesha festivals in Mumbai. Juxtaposed with classical representations of Ganesha from Pacific Asia Museum's collection, Dressler's vibrant photos connect the past and the present of India while illustrating the historical legacy and spiritual significance of Ganesha in Hindu society.

Curated by Yeonsoo Chee.

Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena, CA

46 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena California 91101 [Google Map](#)

Hours: Wed – Sun: 10:00am-6:00pm

<http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org/>

Steeped in History: The Art of Tea

Exhibition at the UCLA Fowler Museum, August 16-November 29, 2009

Sunday, August 16, 2009

UCLA Fowler Museum

308 Charles E. Young Drive North

Los Angeles,

Explore the cultural and historical significance of tea-after water, the world's most consumed beverage-through a magnificent and wide-ranging survey of visual art.

Chinese paintings; Japanese screens, ceramics, and prints; rare English and Colonial American paintings; photographs and historical documents; tea-serving paraphernalia from around the globe; and much more, all tell the fascinating history of tea drinking.

The subjects of the exhibition range from tea's mythic origins in the hills of South China

through its enormous significance in Japan, its introduction in Europe by Dutch traders around 1610, its role in colonial American life beyond the clichés of the Boston Tea Party, and finally to its expanding importance as a global commodity at the height of the British Empire.

Steeped in History: The Art of Tea is guest curated by [Beatrice Hohenegger](#). Major support for Steeped in History: The Art of Tea and publication is provided by the Henry Luce Foundation and Mr. Lloyd Cotsen, in memory of Bob Ahmanson. Additional support is generously provided by Patsy and Robert Sung, The Edna and Yu-Shan Han Charitable Foundation and Numi Tea.

The accompanying programs are made possible through the Yvonne Lenart Public Programs Fund, the UCLA Asia Institute and Manus, the support group for the [Fowler Museum](#).

Media sponsorship provided by Edible Los Angeles.

[Click here](#) for further information about the exhibit.

Please visit the [Asia Institute](#) website for further information about the public lecture series.

Cost: Free

Tel: 310-825-4361

www.fowler.ucla.edu

Sponsor(s): [Asia Institute](#), [Fowler Museum at UCLA](#)

Related Event(s)

Curator Lecture: Steeped in History: The Art of Tea

Beatrice Hohenegger, exhibition curator and author of "Liquid Jade: The Story of Tea from East to West"

Saturday, September 12, 2009

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

[learn more »](#)

From Elephants to Tea: The Nilgiris under Colonial Rule

Sanjay Subrahmanyam, UCLA Professor of History

Thursday, September 24, 2009

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

[learn more »](#)

Tea and Chinese Cultural Aesthetics

Pei-kai Cheng, Chinese Civilisation Centre, City University of Hong Kong

Saturday, October 24, 2009

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

[learn more »](#)

The Buddhist Arts of Tea in Medieval China

James A. Benn presents the 22nd Annual Sammy Yukuan Lee Lecture on Chinese Archaeology and Art

Saturday, November 07, 2009

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

[learn more »](#)

Tea of the Samurai in Times of War and Peace

Morgan Pitelka, Occidental College

Sunday, November 22, 2009

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

[learn more »](#)

Aug 13 Chinese Film Festival 8PM

Enjoy extended gallery hours plus the second presentation in our Chinese Film Festival screened under the stars in the museum's beautiful courtyard garden. This is an outdoor event, so beach chairs, blankets and picnics are welcome!

Check back soon for more information on the film. Co-sponsored by EDI Media/Chinese American Film Festival.

Free for members, included with museum admission for non-members. RSVP to (626) 449-2742 ext. 31

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Thursday, Aug 13 Summer Film Festival: Crossroads: Boyle Heights

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Frank H. Watase Media Arts Center, the National Museum will continuously screen Crossroads: Boyle Heights.

This documentary was compiled from life histories of past and present neighborhood residents of Boyle Heights. It was originally produced for exhibition, BOYLE HEIGHTS: The Power of Place (2002), at the Japanese American National Museum.

55 min.

[Purchase a copy of Crossroads: Boyle Heights at the Museum Store Online]

This special showing will be screened at the Terasaki Orientation Theater.

Japanese American National Museum

369 East First Street, Los Angeles California 90012 ▪ phone: (213) 625-0414

janm.org

Saturday, Aug 15 Family Festivals 11th Annual Summer Festival on the Courtyard: Kaeru's Carnival

FREE!

Celebrate summer at the National Museum with a day of fun carnival games, foods, crafts, and performances for the entire family.

*Museum Members get 5 free tickets!

All day craft activities:

Celebrate the exhibition Kokeshi: From Folk Toy to Art Toy and construct a kokeshi creation!

Inspired by the Japanese tradition of using paper lanterns in summer festivals, make a decorative paper lantern of your own.

Schedule:

12 :00 – 4:00 PM – Get your face painted!

2:00 PM – Learn about Taiko and how to hit the giant drums from Kyodo Taiko!

3:00 PM – Enjoy a Special Kyodo Taiko performance!

4:00 PM – Learn how to do an obon dance!

4:30 PM – Come listen to the exciting sounds of Progressive Taiko!

This program is sponsored in part by the generous support of the Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs

Help Support the Museum by buying a lunch! BBQ on the Courtyard. Plate lunch includes: BBQ top sirloin, baked beans, green salad, shrimp cocktail, and a drink. \$10.00 presale/\$12.50 on the day of. All proceeds will go to support the National Museum's programs. If interested, please contact Koji at ksakai@janm.org.

Other Family Events at the National Museum

[August 29: Common Ground Tour for Families](#)

[August 29: Taiko for Families](#)

Japanese American National Museum

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janm.org

Aug 14-16 Tanabata Festival

<http://jhills-tanabata.community.officelive.com/letter.aspx>

Saturday, Aug 15 Annual Nisei Week Festival

The 69th Nisei Week Japanese Festival, including Grand Parade, Street Fair and Street Ondo in Little Tokyo. For more information, please call 213.687.7193 or visit niseiweek.org

August 20 8pm Chinese Film Festival

Autumn Gem

Enjoy extended gallery hours plus *Autumn Gem* screened under the stars in the museum's beautiful courtyard garden. Filmmakers Rae Chang and Adam Tow will introduce the film and answer questions. This is an outdoor event, so beach chairs, blankets and picnics are welcome!

Autumn Gem tells the story of China's first feminist, Qiu Jin (1875 -1907). During China's last dynasty, Qiu Jin challenged traditional roles, demanding equal rights for women. An accomplished writer, political activist, and leader of a revolutionary army, she redefined what it meant to be a woman in early 20th-century China.

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Program Two: FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

David Henry Hwang Theatre

120 Judge John Aiso Street | Showtime 8:00 p.m.

THE CHICKENS HAVE ESCAPED!

Here it is, the showcase completely assembled, curated and presented by our stable of Visual Communications summer interns.

RSVP to this event on Facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=111863643155&ref=ts>

Sept 12 Ganesha Free Family Festival

As seen in [Discovering Ganesha](#), each August and September throughout the Hindu world huge festivals celebrate Lord Ganesha's birthday. We will celebrate it as well with music, dance, fashion, crafts, hands-on activities, and more! Free. 10AM-12PM
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October 3, 2009 (5:30 to 10:00 p.m.) **Moonbeams, Moon Cakes and More in Chinatown, L.A.**

Los Angeles, CA (July 16, 2009)-- On Saturday, October 3, from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m., Chinatown will host the Southland's oldest annual mid-Autumn Moon Festival featuring cultural entertainment for the whole family. New this year, a competitive 5K run, a non-competitive 5K walk, and a 25-mile bike ride will take place in conjunction with the festival. The "Moon Festival Fun Bike Ride" starts at 4:00 p.m. with a scenic route to the Pasadena Rose Bowl and back along the Arroyo Seco Bike Path, through bicycle-friendly neighborhoods in Lincoln Heights and South Pasadena. The "Moonlight 5K Run/Walk" starts at 7:30 p.m., with a route that includes the L.A. State Historic Park and a sunset view of the old rail yards and downtown Los Angeles.

Central Plaza, the start and finish point for all races, is also the hub for entertainment that day. The Shaolin Warriors of Chinatown and Chinese acrobats will be featured during the afternoon hours, followed by a demonstration of moon cake making, free samples of moon cakes, and a performance explaining the origins of the Moon Festival by the 2009 Miss L.A. Chinatown Queen and Court at dusk. The Griffith Observatory, which is making telescopes available for the event, will demonstrate how to get the best views of Jupiter and the moon. Live music will be featured on stage until 10:00pm. Moon Festival entertainment is free to the public and will run from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m. in Chinatown's historic Central Plaza (943-951 N. Broadway Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012). To register for the "Moonlight 5K Run/Walk" or the "Moon Festival Fun Bike Ride," please visit www.ChinatownLA.com. Entry fees will apply and an early registration discount will be offered until August 31st. While parking around the area is plentiful, the public is encouraged to use the convenient Metro Gold Line and exit at the Chinatown Station.

For information, contact the Chinatown Business Improvement District at (213) 680-0243, or the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at (213) 617-0396.

<http://chinatownla.com/news.php?newsId=51>

East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center Akimatsuri
www.esgvjcc.org

Oct 24-25, 2009 Japan Expo
www.japanexpo.org

See LA Library DiverseCity events at <http://www.lapl.org/kidspath/events/diversecity/index.html>

This Weekend (and earlier/later)

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2009 North American Taiko Conference

August 7, 8, 9, 2009

Little Tokyo

Los Angeles, CA

<http://www.taikoconference.org/news>

Thursday, August 6, 8:00pm Anime Film Festival

TV Night: favorite episodes of Jubei-chan, Samurai Champloo, Rurouni Kenshin and Peacemaker

Enjoy extended gallery hours plus favorite tv episodes screened under the stars in the museum's beautiful courtyard garden with an introduction by animation historian Charles Solomon. This is an outdoor event, so beach chairs, blankets and picnics are welcome!

The action-comedy Jubei-chan: The Ninja Girl follows 14-year-old Jiyu Nanohana, a modern high school girl who discovers an eye patch that transforms her into the re-incarnation of Yagyu Jubei Mitsuyoshi, Japan's famed one-eyed samurai/ninja folk hero. Samurai Champloo takes place during the Edo period (1602 – 1868), but includes anachronistic elements like hip hop culture, break dancing, slang terms, and graffiti. The stylistically innovative series references actual events like the Shimabara Rebellion, and includes versions of real-life Edo personalities like Mariya Enshiro and Miyamoto Musashi.

Rurouni Kenshin follows Himura Kenshin as he travels through early Meiji Japan offering protection and aid to those in need, in atonement for the murders he committed as an assassin.

Peacemaker takes place in 19th century Japan as Young Tetsu serves the samurai who protect the capital under order of the Shogun. The series is renowned for its deep character development, especially as Tetsu grapples with his conflicting desires for revenge and peace.

Please note: Some of these episodes contain mature content and are not recommended for children under the age of 13. Members: Free Non-members: Included with Museum Admission.

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Saturday, August 08-9, 2009 **TAIKO JAM '09**

No one has been presenting taiko longer than the JACCC and the Aratani/Japan America Theatre is still exactly where it's at to get a taste of the four corners of this art form.

JACCC's taiko curators have put together a taiko show that will stimulate, inspire and educate!

Hailing from Las Vegas is the dynamic Kaminari Taiko, from Oregon comes the visually stunning Portland Taiko, and representing Los Angeles are the intense Kishin Daiko and rhythmically creative On Ensemble.

Taiko Jam only happens every 2 years in conjunction with the North American Taiko Conference so don't hesitate and get your taiko jam on!!

at 8:00 PM

Aratani/Japan America Theatre

244 South San Pedro Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Phone: (213) 628-2725

Website: www.jaccc.org

E-Mail: jatevents@jaccc.org

[Map & Directions](#)

Where I went last weekend (or the weekend before):

See dkikemi.blogspot.com

Resources:

LACMA calendar:

<http://www.lacma.org/events/Calendar.aspx>

UCLA Asia Institute calendar:

<http://www.international.ucla.edu/asia/events/index.asp?action=monthview>

Japanese American National Museum

<http://www.janm.org/events/>

Chinese American Museum

<http://camla.org/events/calendar.htm>

Korean Cultural Center

<http://www.kccla.org/>

Japanese American Community Cultural Center

<http://jaccc.org/>

Pacific Asia Museum

<http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org/calendar/whatsnew.htm>

Links to selected articles from the LA Times and other papers. To actually access the articles, you may have to sign up for a free account.

'Our girls are coming home'

Joy replaces worry as news spreads about the release of Laura Ling and Euna Lee. Ling's sister describes trying to stay calm during months of diplomacy, and getting a surprise call from Pyongyang.

By Jessica Garrison and John M. Glionna

9:54 PM PDT, August 4, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-korean-reax5-2009aug05,0,4274973.story>

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

In Japan, getting ready for the Big One

Many believe a massive earthquake is due any time in Tokai, an area south of Tokyo that sits atop a precarious confluence of tectonic plates. One worried mom has taken preparations into her own hands.

By John M. Glionna

July 31, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-japan-quake31-2009jul31,0,416361.story>

Music review: Fuzjko Hemming at the Broad Stage

7:41 PM, July 25, 2009

Mark Swed

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/culturemonster/2009/07/fujiko-hemming-at-the-broad-stage-.html>

U.S., China end talks with smiles but no progress on climate change

President Obama is pushing for an agreement by December, but China resists committing to limits on greenhouse gas emissions. Chinese officials also express deep concern over the U.S. budget deficit.

By Jim Puzzanghera and David Pierson

July 29, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-obama-china29-2009jul29,0,7369940.story>

Beijing has thing for Puccini opera set in China

Puccini's 'Turandot,' set amid a bloody royal court, was once reviled as insulting. But as economic powerhouse China seeks to create an audience for Western opera, the work has seemed a natural.

By Barbara Demick

July 28, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-puccini28-2009jul28,0,3603494.story>

Senate begins floor debate on Sotomayor nomination

Though her confirmation as the Supreme Court's first Latino justice looks assured, it won't come without a barrage of criticisms. About 30 lawmakers are expected to voice their complaints.

By James Oliphant and David G. Savage

August 5, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-sotomayor5-2009aug05,3,2530840.story>

Koreatown hosts first annual Korean BBQ Festival and Cook-Off on Saturday

02:47 PM PT, Aug 4 2009

Andrea Chang

http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/shopping_blog/2009/08/koreatown-hosts-first-annual-korean-bbq-festival-and-cookoff.html

Pretty-boy vampires? Not in the dark and diseased film 'Thirst'

03:52 PM PT, Jul 27 2009

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/herocomplex/2009/07/prettyboy-vampires-not-in-the-dark-and-diseased-film-thirst.html>