

March 21, 2012  
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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Please send in information on cultural events and news items to [dkikemi@pacbell.net](mailto:dkikemi@pacbell.net). The mac.com address will be shut down soon. Thanks to those who have.

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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>

Auspicious Beauty: Korean Folk Painting

October 7, 2011-March 25, 2012

Korean folk painting during the Joseon dynasty reveals some of the essential values of Korean society and usually illustrates auspicious subjects such as scholars' items, birds

and flowers, and mythical animals. Auspicious Beauty will illustrate these themes and discuss the patrons who commissioned the works. The exhibition will present a selection from the museum's collection, including a recent acquisition of an eight-panel screen of flowers, and select objects from local collectors.

Curated by Yeonsoo Chee and supported by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission.

February 26–July 29, 2012 Order and Disorder: Alighiero Boetti by Afghan Women

[Exhibit at the UCLA Fowler Museum](#)

[Fowler Museum](#)

[UCLA](#)

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[www.fowler.ucla.edu/exhibitions/order-and-disorder-alighiero-boetti-afghan-women](http://www.fowler.ucla.edu/exhibitions/order-and-disorder-alighiero-boetti-afghan-women)

March 4- April 15, 2011 Moving Forward: Life after the Great East Japan Earthquake

[A photojournalism exhibit co-organized by the UCLA Paul I. and Hisako Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies and The Kahoku Shimpo newspaper](#)

[Fowler Museum](#)

[UCLA](#)

On March 11, 2011, a devastating 9.0 magnitude earthquake hit the coast of northeastern Japan, triggering a tsunami that sent waves as far as six miles inland. This traveling exhibition commemorates the victims and the struggles of the survivors, and highlights the reconstruction and recovery efforts. Featuring a series of large-scale photographs and photographic essays in text and audio form, the exhibition—scheduled to coincide with the one-year anniversary of the quake—focuses on the stories of the people recovering from the disaster in the Tohoku area, and how the people of Japan are dealing with this difficult situation and helping one another in their day-to-day lives. This exhibition will debut in Washington, D.C. in November 2011 and will appear at the Rockefeller Memorial Church in Chicago in January 2012 before this Fowler presentation.

[www.fowler.ucla.edu/](http://www.fowler.ucla.edu/)

Sponsor(s): [Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies](#)

December 3, 2011–April 1, 2012 Masterpiece in Focus: The Night Festival of Tsushima Shrine Screen and its Restoration

### Pavilion for Japanese Art, Level 3

The Night Festival of Tsushima Shrine screen, nearly six by sixteen feet, depicts the summer festival of Tsushima Shrine, an ancient Shinto shrine near Nagoya in central Japan. Festivals like the one depicted are held to propitiate kami (Shinto deities); this particular night festival is dedicated to Gozu Tennō, who has the power to prevent summer plagues. The Tsushima festival, dating to at least the fourteenth century, is still celebrated in a form remarkably similar to that shown in this screen. Five large floats, each festooned with 365 lanterns (for the days of the year), are launched on the river adjacent to the shrine.

This painting is a time capsule of early 17th-century Japanese activities. The gentry sit in enclosures at the upper right, while all social classes mingle near the entertainment: kabuki, puppet plays, dancing and juggling. Samurai can be seen on the bridge; vendors prepare and sell food; and Shinto priests and Buddhist monks stroll through the crowds.

This is the finest and the oldest of the Tsushima Festival screens known to survive. Thanks to generous funding by the Friends of Heritage Preservation, founded in 1998 by Suzanne Deal Booth and her husband David G. Booth, this screen was conserved and restored at the Bokusendo Painting Conservation Studio in Kyoto, founded by Hisaji Sekichi. This one-year conservation project is described in detail as part of this exhibition.

This exhibition was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

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

LACMA is located in central Los Angeles, midway between downtown and Santa Monica, 1/2 mile south of the Grove.

### Buddha Seokgamoni (Shakyamuni) Preaching to the Assembly on Vulture Peak Hammer Building, Level 2

December 3, 2011–July 15, 2012

This important large-scale ritual painting displays many characteristics of mid-eighteenth-century Buddhist art, including the complex composition and the strongly formulated patterns in the floral motifs and clouds. A recent conservation project for this painting took over a year to complete. (Watch the [video](#).) LACMA is deeply grateful to Professor Park Chisun and her talented team from Korea for conserving this work. The painting depicts Seokgamoni (Shakyamuni), the historical Buddha, seated on a lotus pedestal in the center, preaching to a large assembly, as described in the Lotus Sutra. The painting's long inscription at the bottom states that the scroll was created for the Shinheung Temple in Yangyang, Gangwon Province. It also identifies ten monks who participated in its production. According to the inscription, the painting was completed in the sixth month of the twentieth year of the (Manchu) Qing dynasty Qianlong Emperor's reign (the thirty-first year of the Joseon dynasty King Yeongjo's reign), which corresponds to 1755.

Restoration of Buddha Seokgamoni (Shakyamuni) Preaching to the Assembly on Vulture Peak was made possible by CJ E&M America.

Additional support provided by the Friends of Heritage Preservation, the Richard G. and Virginia L. Martin Trust, Brown Penny Fund, and Stockman Family Foundation.

Additional support was also provided by the Stockman Family Foundation and the Brown Penny Fund.

Image: Buddha Seokgamoni (Shakyamuni) Preaching to the Assembly on Vulture Peak, Korea, Joseon dynasty (1392-1910), dated 1755, Hanging scroll, ink and color on silk, Image (approximately): 132 x 160 in. (335.28 x 406.4 cm), Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Far Eastern Art Acquisition Fund (AC1998.268.1).

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

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Thru Mar 27: LACMA exhibiting "Japanese Painters Look to China"

Paintings in the exhibition "Japanese Painters Looks to China" at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art reveal trends within the second and third waves of powerful interest in China which occurred during Japan's history, the first happening in the Heian period (8th to 12th centuries), followed by the second from late Kamakura through Muromachi periods (13th to 16th centuries), and a last in the 17th to 19th centuries, the end of Momoyama through early Meiji eras.

In this exhibition, the so-called kanga style blends Chinese Song and Yuan dynasty (about 12th to 14th centuries) manners with Japanese aesthetics of asymmetrical balance and shallow space.

Los Angeles County Museum of Art is located at 5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90036. Museum hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 12 noon – 8 pm; Friday 12 noon – 9 pm; Saturday and Sunday 11 am – 8 pm; and closed Wednesdays.

For further information about Japanese art exhibitions at LACMA, call (323) 857-6565.

[www.lacma.org](http://www.lacma.org)

2012 Cherry Blossom Festival

The City of West Covina and the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center are proud to present our 2012 Cherry Blossom Festival on March 31, 2012 from 12pm to 6pm, here at 1203 W. Puente Avenue in West Covina.

Please spread the word about this great event!!

For more information, please contact Pearl Omiya at [pomiya@esgvjcc.org](mailto:pomiya@esgvjcc.org) or (626) 960-2566.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Thursday, April 5, 2011

CAM at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument

6pm-8pm

From residential to commercial architecture, the four Chinese American architects featured in Breaking Ground leave behind a legacy of iconic buildings and landmarks certain to inspire many more admirers for generations to come. But beyond their memorable work, what inspired the person behind the ideas and designs. Join panelists Florida Cheung (Co-curator), Sue Fawn Chung, Ph.D. (Professor, Historian), John English (Architectural Historian), and Barton Choy, AIA (Architect) in a revealing discussion about the lives and history of these architects, and the social, political and

racial barriers they crossed to break new grounds in L.A.'s urban landscape. Featured architect, Gin D. Wong, FAIA (Architect), will be making a special appearance to examine how the architectural movement has shaped Los Angeles into the vibrant metropolis it is today.

To RSVP, call 213.485.8567 or email [RSVP@camla.org](mailto:RSVP@camla.org) with the subject heading "Panel Discussion" by Tues., April 3, 2011

The Chinese American Museum  
425 N. Los Angeles Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(The cross street is Arcadia)  
Museum Front Desk: (213) 485-8567

CAM is opened:

Tuesday – Sunday, 10am – 3pm.

Closed on Mondays and the following holidays:

Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day  
[camla.org](http://camla.org)

### History and Repetition Today

A keynote lecture by Kojin Karatani as part of a three day conference on "Rethinking the Space and Place of Japan"

Thursday, April 05, 2012

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Fowler Museum at UCLA

Lenart Auditorium

How do contemporary events in Japan and the world, including the disasters of March 11 and global protest movements, relate to a structure of historical repetition?

Kojin Karatani is Japan's most prominent philosopher and cultural critic. He is the author of numerous influential works, including, in English, *Origins of Modern Japanese Literature*, *Architecture as Metaphor*, *Transcritique*, as well as the recently published *History and Repetition*. In this talk, Karatani will address the current crisis in Japan following the March 11 earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster against the global backdrop of historical repetition.

Lecture from 6PM - 7PM.

Reception to follow from 7PM - 8PM.

For more information on Kojin Karatani please visit: <http://www.kojinkaratani.com/en/spke/speaking-events-2010-11-03.html>

This event is free and open to the public. Reservations are recommended, but not required.

### RSVP ONLINE

Directions to the Fowler and parking information can be found on the [Fowler Museum website](#).

Sponsor(s): [Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies](#)

### A Special Double Gallery Tour

Curator gallery tours of two exhibitions at the Fowler Museum at UCLA: "Order and Disorder: Alighiero Boetti by Afghan Women" (Afghan embroidery) with Roy Hamilton,

and “Second Skins: Painted Bark Cloth from New Guinea and Central Africa” with Gemma Rodrigues.

Saturday, April 07, 2012

10:45 AM

UCLA Fowler Museum

“Order And Disorder: Alighiero Boetti By Afghan Women”: From 1971 to 1994, Italian artist Alighiero Boetti (1940–1994) embarked on a series of projects with Afghan embroiderers, creating monumental pieces that would become some of the artist’s most iconic works. Working first in Kabul in the 1970s and then in refugee camps in Pakistan after the 1979 Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, Afghan women embroidered works based on Boetti’s templates that include: colorful grids of letters that spell out phrases (such as “Order and Disorder”); Mappe (maps), wall-sized world maps with countries filled-in with the colors and symbols of their flags; and Tutto (everything), large-scale works entirely filled with intricately embroidered shapes representing diverse objects—sunglasses, a Hindu goddess, a protractor, twins, and more. The exhibition features twenty-nine works by Boetti along with documentary photographs of the Afghan embroiderers taken in 1990 at Boetti’s request by Randi Malkin Steinberger, as well as examples of the traditional styles of embroidery that might have played a role in stimulating Boetti’s best-known works.

“Second Skins: Painted Barkcloth from Papua New Guinea and Central Africa”

Second Skins juxtaposes two separate traditions of fabricating vibrantly graphic clothing from the inner bark of trees: one shared by diverse peoples who live in and around the Ituri rainforest in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the other produced by the Ömie of Papua New Guinea in the South Pacific. Focusing on twentieth century and contemporary iterations of possibly ancient traditions, the exhibition will explore barkcloth’s contemporary “migration” from the body to the gallery wall, highlighting the genre’s artistic inventiveness and the differing ways the two traditions have interacted with the international art market.

The simultaneous tours will be led by curators Roy Hamilton and Gemma Rodrigues, beginning promptly at 11 a.m.

Roy Hamilton, Principal Museum Scientist (Senior Curator for Asian and Pacific Collections), is a graduate of Stanford

University, with an MA in Museum Studies/Anthropology, University of Washington. He is the head and supervisor of the Fowler’s curatorial staff, and is responsible for the development of exhibitions and publications on a variety of subjects based on the museum’s Asian/Pacific collections. In addition to being co-curator of the His textile exhibitions at the Fowler have most recently included the Nini Towok exhibition, plus Courtly and Urban Batik from Java, and the video Weaver’s Stories. Material Choices: Bast and Leaf Fiber Textiles; The Art of Rice: Spirit and Sustenance in Asia; Wild Silk, Island Fibers: Rare Textiles from Madagascar; From the Rainbow’s Varied Hue: Textiles of the Southern Philippines; The Women’s Warpath: Iban Ritual Fabrics from Borneo, and many more, and he has authored the catalogs which accompany these exhibitions, as well as other publications. He also directs major ongoing research programs in art and material culture of Asia and the Pacific, including field research and collecting, and the development of cooperative efforts with Southeast Asian museums.

Gemma Rodrigues has been Curator of African arts at the Fowler Museum at UCLA since fall 2010. Her doctoral research at Harvard, *Guns and Rhodes: Land, Memory, and Modernity*, focused on contested idioms of indigenous place-making in Harare, Zimbabwe. She has received grants from the Andrew W. Mellon foundation and the Getty Research Institute, among others. 1997-2000, she lectured in art history at the Harare Polytechnic and in 1998, she co-founded a trust that continues to foster the visual arts in Zimbabwe. While at Fowler, she has curated five exhibitions treating a wide array of tradition-based and contemporary African art and visual culture. Space is limited and registration is required. Please register by Thursday, April 5, 2012. For more information and to register please visit the [Textiles Museum Association of Southern California, Inc.](#)

Sponsor(s): Textiles Museum Association of Southern California, Inc

Authentic Japanese traditional dance to be performed at Armstrong Theatre, Torrance (The Wakahisa-Kai of Seiha Wakayagi Ryu will hold its 15th Anniversary Spring Recital at Armstrong Theatre in Torrance on Sunday, April 8 at 1:00 pm. 24 authentic traditional Japanese dances will be presented. Tickets are \$20)

UCLA Indonesian Culture Night 2012 -- "I Wish"

Indonesian music, dance, food, and drama featuring the Indonesian Bruin Student Association

Sunday, April 08, 2012

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Ackerman Union Grand Ballroom

UCLA Campus

This student presentation will feature a variety of Indonesian cultural performances as well as delicious food. Participants include the UCLA Balinese gamelan ensemble, and performers from the Consulate General of Indonesia, Los Angeles, supplementing the considerable talents of the members of the Indonesian Bruin Student Association.

Cost: Free and open to the public.

For more information please contact

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[www.international.ucla.edu/cseas/](http://www.international.ucla.edu/cseas/)

Sponsor(s): [Center for Southeast Asian Studies](#), [Ethnomusicology](#), [Dashew Center for International Students and Scholars](#), Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia, Los Angeles; UCLA Center for Student Programming; UCLA Undergraduate Student Association

Kids in the Courtyard: Lanterns for Japan

A Fowler Event

Sunday, April 15, 2012

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

UCLA Fowler Museum courtyard

On this closing day of Moving Forward: Life after the Great East Japan Earthquake, share your hopes of renewal for Japan with the making of paper lanterns and paper cranes.

The 2012 Cherry Blossom Festival marks the 15th Anniversary

APRIL 21th 11:00 AM TO 6:30 PM

& APRIL 22nd 11:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

The 2012 Cherry Blossom Festival Committee and the City of Monterey Park are pleased to present the 15th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival on April 21 & 22, 2012 at Barnes Park, located at 350 S. McPherrin Avenue; Monterey Park, CA. Entry to the Festival is FREE.

Planned and coordinated by community volunteers, the Cherry Blossom Festival strives to provide a cultural arts event that offers a forum for learning, entertainment, fun, and support of community.

So take the time to see, hear, and taste a bit of the Japanese and Japanese American culture through a first-hand experience of watching traditional Japanese dancing, hearing the resounding beats of the taiko drums, observing the mastery and various skills of martial arts, participating in the ancient art of the tea ceremony, or buying hand-made crafts or food with an Asian flair. Other highlights of the Festival include games & crafts for children, and numerous cultural displays.

What: BUNKA SAI!! Japanese Cultural Festival

Where: Torrance Cultural Arts Center

310-618-2930

When: Apr 21, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Description: Japanese Cultural Festival featuring art, dance, music, taiko drums, shodo calligraphy, sumi-e painting, martial arts, origami, exhibits, kids' activities, crafts, raffles, and Japanese food.

April 21-22, 2012

The annual Los Angeles Times Festival of Books will be held at:

[University of Southern California](#)

Click [here](#) for map.

To locate USC on Yahoo! Maps or similar mapping software, you may use the intersection of Exposition Blvd and S Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90089.

Tickets & Admission

General attendance is free!

For information on attending, see our [Attendee FAQ](#).

Film Screening: I Wish

Presented by Melnitz Movies and the UCLA Paul I. and Hisako Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies as part of the New Visions of Japanese Cinema film series.

Thursday, April 26, 2012

7:30 PM

The James Bridges Theater

Melnitz Hall 1409, UCLA



12-year old Koichi lives with his mother and retired grandparents in Kagoshima, in the southern region of Kyushu. His younger brother Ryunosuke lives with their father in Hakata, northern Kyushu. The brothers have been separated by their parents' divorce and Koichi's only wish is for his family to be reunited. When he learns that a new bullet train line will soon open, linking the two towns, he starts to believe that a miracle will take place the moment these new trains first pass each other at top speed. With help from the adults around him, Koichi sets out on a journey with a group of friends, each hoping to witness a miracle that will improve their difficult lives.

Best Screenplay, San Sebastián International Film Festival

SIGNIS Award, Toronto International Film Festival

Official Selection, BFI London Film Festival

Official Selection, Vancouver International Film Festival

Official Selection, Abu Dhabi Film Festival

Official Selection, Rotterdam International Film Festival

Official Selection, Göteborg Film Festival

"Kore-Eda's has mastered the ability to capture delicate shifts, shuffles and pangs of the heart without caving to predictable schmaltz and eye-rolling banality. Even the most jaded filmgoer will have trouble shaking the glow that rubs off from I WISH." –Kathie Smith, Twitch Film

"I WISH is arguably [Hirokazu Kore-Eda's] most entertaining and purely enjoyable film for years, captivating the viewer from start to finish with its boundless enthusiasm. A genuine and joyful depiction of the wonders of childhood, the film is amazingly and effortlessly affecting, and should appeal to a much wider fan base than is usual for often arthouse-pigeonholed director." –James Mudge, BeyondHollywood.com

"It is a testament to the skill of both [the child cast] and Kore-eda himself that the film feels effortless...one of the best at this year's [Toronto International] Film Festival." –Shane McNeil, Toronto Film Scene

Writer/Director: Hirokazu Kore-Eda

Starring: Koki Maeda, Ohshirô Maeda, Nene Ohtsuka, Jô Odagiri, Kirin Kiki, Isao Hashizume, Hiroshi Abe, Yoshio Harada, Masami Nagasawa, Yui Natsukawa

Magnolia Pictures

35mm, 128 min.

View the official trailer here: <http://www.nipponcinema.com/trailers/kiseki-trailer>

Special Instructions

Screenings are free and open to the public. Tickets will be available on a first-come first-served basis at the box office one hour before screening.

[www.gsa.asucla.ucla.edu/briefing-room/calendar/2012-04-26/new-visions-i-wish-hirokazu-kore-eda-2011](http://www.gsa.asucla.ucla.edu/briefing-room/calendar/2012-04-26/new-visions-i-wish-hirokazu-kore-eda-2011)

Sponsor(s): [Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies](#)

## **2012 TARGET FAMILY FREE SATURDAY SCHEDULE**

[April 14: Monster Mash!](#)

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

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This Weekend (and earlier/later)

Sneak Preview: THE RAID (2011)

Award-winning film featuring silat - an Indonesian martial art

Thursday, March 22, 2012

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

The James Bridges Theater

Melnitz Hall 1409

Writer/Director: Gareth Evans; Starring: Iko Uwais, Doni Alamsyah, Yayan Ruhian, Ray Sahetapy, Joe Taslim, Pierre Gruno; Sony Pictures Classics / XYZ Films / Merantau Films; 35mm, 100 min.

Before 2009, few martial arts film fans had ever heard of the traditional Indonesian combat style of silat, let alone seen a film from that part of the world. That all changed when writer/director Gareth Huw Evans made fan favorite MERANTAU, which ushered young fighter Iko Uwais into the celluloid arena. Uwais and Evans have teamed up again for THE RAID, a fresh assault of fists and feet that has already been tagged as a martial-arts fusion of DIE HARD and ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13.

In the heart of Jakarta lies a rundown apartment infested with druggies and drifters. It's ruled by Tama, a ruthless drug lord who uses the tenement to shelter his junkie customers, as well as his pushers, enforcers and killers. The apartment block is considered untouchable by even the bravest of police — until one morning when, cloaked under dawn's darkness, an elite SWAT team led by Rama (Uwais) sweeps in. When their cover is blown, Tama's men lash back with a hellish fury, unleashing a hail of bullets that cuts the team of lawmen down by half. With their exits blocked and munitions running low, Rama and his men must rally their energy and face off against a hive of vicious killers.

As Rama's squad races between the rooms and floors of the building, the stakes get higher and higher, and director Evans uses this maze to bring numerous innovative kills and action gags to the screen. He builds set piece upon set piece, including a knock-'em-down brawl in the building's drug lab.

THE RAID starts with a simple premise and makes no pretensions about showing its audience non-stop, bone-crunching ass-whuppings administered by its star.

Comparisons to Tony Jaa are quick to come by, but Uwais stands apart. His warm screen presence and flexible dramatic edge — not to mention his awesome fighting skills — are bound to win him new fans.

Nick Spicer (MFA '06), Aram Tertzakian (MFA '07), and Nate Bolotin (MFA '07), UCLA Producers Program alumni and founding partners of XYZ Films, will be present following the screening for a Q&A with UCLA professor Howard Suber.

Cost: Free and open to the public.

Special Instructions

Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis (one ticket per person) at the Melnitz box office one hour before showtime. All screenings and appearances are subject to change on short notice, so please check our listings before showtime. [gsa.asucla.ucla.edu/briefing-room/calendar/2012-03-22/sneak-preview-raid-gareth-huw-evans-2011](http://gsa.asucla.ucla.edu/briefing-room/calendar/2012-03-22/sneak-preview-raid-gareth-huw-evans-2011)

Sponsor(s): [Center for Southeast Asian Studies](#), Melnitz Movies, funded through the UCLA Graduate Students Association and the ASUCLA Student Interaction Fund, and the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Los Angeles.

## Cherry Blossom Festival

Saturday-Sunday, March 24-25

Spring arrives in Japan on drifts of pink and white cherry blossoms. Descanso Gardens will celebrate this season of promise and a longtime friendship with the Japanese community at the second annual Cherry Blossom Festival. Learn more about these beautiful trees on guided walks, and get a taste of Japanese culture.

- 1** Cherry Blossom Walks  
Saturday-Sunday | 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. | Center Circle  
Meet the nine types of flowering cherries in the Descanso landscape, as well as their equally lovely blooming relatives, all members of the genus *Prunus*. Brian Sullivan, horticulture and garden operations director, leads the Saturday walks. Descanso Curator Wen Wang takes over on Sunday. Free with admission.
- 2** Japanese Story Time  
Saturday | 11:30 a.m. | Japanese Garden  
Immerse yourself in the fantastic world of traditional Japanese tales. These stories are populated by magical teakettles, long-nosed goblins, and a host of other imaginative characters. Free with admission.
- 3** Easy Origami for Children  
Sunday | 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | Japanese Garden  
Learn to create simple and beautiful paper treasures while practicing an ancient Japanese handicraft. Free with admission.
- 4** Camellia Lounge "Appetizer"  
Saturday-Sunday | 11 a.m.-3 p.m. | Japanese Garden  
Summer's popular Camellia Lounge makes a special appearance at the festival. Sample savory dishes from the Land of the Rising Sun. And get a preview of the signature cocktails that will toast the summer months.

Descanso Gardens is located at 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge 91011, near the intersection of the 210 and 2 freeways. It is a 20-minute drive from downtown Los Angeles.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (last entry is 4:30 p.m.). There is ample free parking. [descansogardens.org](http://descansogardens.org)

March 24 Japan Family Day at Santa Anita Park was started as a way to introduce Japanese traditional culture and to interact with the people of Southern California. Through the years, it has become one of the most popular spring festivals in the area.

Featuring cultural events and demonstrations, Japan Family Day has something for everyone. So, be ready to observe, participate and most of all, have fun.

**EVENT SCHEDULES (March 24th, 2012)**

Japan Family Day has something for everyone.

Authentic Japanese cultural events and demonstrations will be setup on the Santa Anita Park grounds, featuring the following:

**Booth**

<b>Sado</b> (Tea Ceremony)	12:00PM, 1:00PM, 2:00PM, 3:00PM
<b>Shodo</b> (Calligraphy)	10:30AM-5:00PM
<b>Kado</b> (Flower Arranging)	10:30AM-5:00PM
<b>Origami</b> (The Art of Folding Paper)	10:30AM-5:00PM
<b>Japan Relief Fund</b>	10:30AM-5:00PM
<b>O-Matsuri</b> (Japanese Traditional Festival)	10:30AM-5:00PM
<b>Visit Japan</b> (Travel Information)	10:30AM-5:00PM

**Stage**

<b>Tsugaru Shamisen</b> (Three-stringed Japanese Guitar)	12:00PM-12:15PM, 2:20PM-2:35PM
<b>Sumo</b> (Japanese Style of Wrestling)	12:20PM-12:35PM, 2:40PM-2:55PM
<b>Minyo</b> (Japanese Folk Music)	12:40PM-12:55PM, 3:00PM-3:15PM
<b>Kendo</b> (Japanese sword-Fighting)	1:00PM-1:15PM, 3:20PM-3:35PM
<b>Shishi Mai</b> (Lion Dance)	1:20PM-1:35PM

<b>Ryukyu Buyo</b> (Okinawa Traditional Dance)	1:40PM-1:55PM, 3:40PM-3:55PM
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<b>Karate</b> (Japanese Martial Arts)	2:00PM-2:15PM, 4:00PM-4:15PM
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### In Walking Ring

<b>Taiko</b> (Japanese Drum Performance) & <b>Shishi Mai</b> (Lion Dance)	After 10th Race
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### In Event Site

<b>Ponyrides &amp; Face Paintings</b>	11:00AM-3:00PM
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### Grandstand Stage

<b>Taiko</b> (Japanese Drum Performance)	Before and after "Tokyo City Cup (GIII)" & Japanese Consul General Race
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[http://www.tokyocitycup.com/eng/japan\\_family\\_day.html](http://www.tokyocitycup.com/eng/japan_family_day.html)

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Where I went last weekend (or the weekend before): See [dkikemi.blogspot.com](http://dkikemi.blogspot.com)  
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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/> Pacifica Asian Museum <http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org/calendar/whatsnew.htm>

Cultural News

<http://www.culturalnews.com/>

Los Angeles Public Library

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

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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.

### Hong Kong film festival changing with the times

The 36th annual international gathering beginning Wednesday reflects the cultural and political shifts taking place in Asia, including China's steady rise.

By Betsy Sharkey

Los Angeles Times Film Critic

March 21, 2012

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/news/la-et-hong-kong-film-festival-20120321,0,1705098.story>

### Jeremy Lin signs endorsement deal with Volvo

By Andrea Chang

March 19, 2012 8:46 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/money/la-fi-mo-jeremy-lin-volvo-20120319,0,1546506.story>

### Disease outbreaks from imported foods on the rise, CDC reports

By Tiffany Hsu

March 14, 2012 4:20 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/money/la-fi-mo-foodborne-illnesses-up-20120314,0,7604600.story>

### A year after tsunami, a cloud of distrust hangs over Japan

The Fukushima nuclear disaster has left residents doubting their government, their source of energy, even the food they eat.

By John M. Glionna, Los Angeles Times

March 11, 2012

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-japan-quake-trust-20120311,0,5531592.story>

### Asians were fastest-growing U.S. group in last decade, census finds

The number of Americans who identify as Asian rose surged almost 46% — more than four times the rate of growth for the U.S. population as a whole.

By Rebecca Trounson, Los Angeles Times

March 22, 2012

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-0322-asian-census-20120322,0,2466148.story>

### Heritage goes beyond chopsticks

A Chinese American with deep roots in her parents' homeland prefers a fork, no matter who laughs.

By Rosanna Xia, Los Angeles Times

March 20, 2012

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-xia-chopsticks-20120320.0.2695054.column>

Thailand's lese-majeste law fuels calls for reform

Opponents say the law is used to intimidate critics and stifles free speech. But some royalists fear reform advocates want to eliminate the Thai monarchy.

By Simon Roughneen and Mark Magnier, Los Angeles Times

March 19, 2012 4:54 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-thailand-law-20120320.0.1467171.story>

USC to honor Japanese American students interned during WWII

Honorary bachelor's and master's degrees will be granted to students sent to internment camps in 1942.

By Matt Stevens, Los Angeles Times

March 19, 2012

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-usc-japanese-20120319.0.296592.story>

L.A. City Council OKs power-shifting remap

Jan Perry loses much of downtown and Bernard C. Parks sees three black-dominated neighborhoods go to Herb Wesson, among other changes.

By David Zahniser, Los Angeles Times

March 17, 2012

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-city-redistricting-20120317.0.101326.story>

Ballet Preljocaj's 'Snow White' dances stylishly into L.A.

For 'Blanche Neige,' coming to Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Angelin Preljocaj teamed with designer Jean Paul Gaultier.

By Adam Tschorn, Los Angeles Times

March 18, 2012

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/news/arts/la-ca-snow-white-ballet-20120318.0.7103202.story>

Tennis player Michael Llodra's crude comment and bizarre apology

By Bill Dwyre

March 13, 2012 1:54 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/sports/sportsnow/la-sp-sn-tennis-llodra20120313.0.3821936.story>

Koreatown's bond to Herb Wesson is breaking amid redistricting

As L.A. City Council President Herb Wesson works to push his district farther into Koreatown, leaders in the community are uncharacteristically fighting back.

By David Zahniser, Los Angeles Times

March 7, 2012 10:22 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-wesson-koreatown-20120308.0.525553.story>

L.A. County Sheriff's Department accused of racist abuse

A group of Antelope Valley families and a deputy file a claim with L.A. County that seeks damages for alleged episodes involving two deaths, a beating, the false detention of a woman and harassment.

By Ann M. Simmons, Los Angeles Times

March 7, 2012 10:44 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-sheriff-claim-20120308.0.1568236.story>

Memorials recall Japan's tsunami a year later

A year after an earthquake and tsunami devastated northern Japan, people gather at memorial events across downtown L.A.'s Little Tokyo to remember those who died and those who are still suffering.

By Teresa Watanabe, Los Angeles Times

March 12, 2012

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-tsunami-vigil-20120312.0.6324800.story>

Movie review: 'Jiro Dreams of Sushi'

Director David Gelb takes a captivating look at Tokyo's Jiro Ono, who may be the best sushi chef on the planet.

By Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times Film Critic

March 16, 2012

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/news/movies/la-et-jiro-dreams-of-sushi-20120316.0.4607040.story>

Chinese movie fans compare 'Flowers of War' and 'War Horse'

In looking at the two war films, some online Chinese film fans are saying that Zhang Yimou's 'The Flowers of War' is inferior to Steven Spielberg's 'War Horse.'

March 11, 2012

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/news/movies/la-ca-china-critics-side-20120311.0.5393475.story>

'Kumpanía' and festival spotlight Los Angeles' flamenco scene

'Kumpanía: Flamenco Los Angeles' and the second Los Angeles International Flamenco Festival spotlight Los Angeles' burgeoning scene.

By Rachel B. Levin, Special to the Los Angeles Times

March 22, 2012

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/news/la-et-guidefeature-20120322.0.737100.story>