

November 6, 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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Back issues of the newsletter for all of 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 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:

LLos Angeles Public Library Celebrates our DiverseCity
<http://www.lapl.org/kidspath/events/diversecity/index.html>

November 14, 2012 Japanese Kabuki Music

The Yamato Gaku ensemble presents a lecture and demonstration of kabuki music, featuring guest artist Osho Yamato on the shamisen (plucked lute).

Wednesday, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Schoenberg Music Building (1325)

The UCLA Department of Ethnomusicology at the Herb Alpert School of Music offers a series of events for the public's enjoyment throughout the fall quarter. Programs include performances in various genres, as well as academic lectures and symposia. Updated information and confirmation of events can be found at www.schoolofmusic.ucla.edu or by calling 310-825-8381.

For events at UCLA's Schoenberg Music Building, all-day parking (\$11) and short-term parking (payable at pay stations) are available in Parking Structure 2 (enter the campus at Hilgard and Westholme avenues).

November 24, 2012 We are excited to announce our upcoming event, OHANA:
Celebrating Community at the JACC

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

This benefit concert features Daniel Ho & Friends, Kealii Ceballos & Halau, Nobuko Miyamoto, On Ensemble, COLD TOFU Improv & more! We see this event as a true celebration of community and an opportunity to bring together the dedicated patrons and organizations who have supported the JACCC throughout the years.

We hope we can count on you to join in and celebrate community with us! Tickets are \$100 VIP and \$50 Friends. For more information or to buy tickets visit www.jaccc.org. For sponsorship opportunities contact Jessie Kikuchi at jkikuchi@jaccc.org or (213) 514-9748.

244 South San Pedro Street , Los Angeles , 90012

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

Jan 6 Kotohajime: The First Performance of the New Year

Hatsu Mato "First Target"

Sunday, 01.06.12, 1pm

The JACCC celebrates the Year of the Snake with Hatsu-Mato (First Target), an artistic journey through Western and Eastern performing arts and traditions curated by the creative vision of Hirokazu Kosaka, Artistic Director of the JACCC.

Join the JACCC on this fascinating New Year Celebration featuring performances by the Korean Culture Center, The Professional Training Program students of The Colburn School's The Trudl Zipper Dance Institute and Majikina Honryu.

The ritual shooting of the arrow – a purification ceremony – will be performed by IKKYU of the Los Angeles Kyudo Archery Group.

the the Aratani Japan American theatre (JACCC)

\$20 General Admission

\$18 JACCC Member


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This Weekend (and earlier/later) 

Nov 10 Target Free Family Saturday: Pop Culture

FREE ALL DAY!

Join us for a day of free family fun and craft projects inspired by the exhibition Giant Robot Biennale 3. November's theme is Pop Culture!

Generously sponsored by Target, these special Saturdays are filled with fun activities giving families unique ways to learn, play, and grow together.

ALL DAY CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Create a colorful pop culture collage
- Make a cardboard robot using a variety of fun materials.
- Ruthie's Origami Corner: Learn how to make an origami dragonfly.

SCHEDULE:

11AM: Doors open

11AM-2PM: Make delicious corn on the cob cookies with Kidding Around the Kitchen

11:30AM – 12:30PM - 1:30PM - 2:30PM – 3:30PM: Learn some new dances moves in Creation Station's Hip Hop dance classes

12-3PM: Grow Your Own Media will help you silkscreen a t-shirt or totebag for you to take home

2-4PM: Make your own comic strip with artist Yumi Sakugawa

2-4PM: Giant Robot Artists' Entourage Workshop with Rob Sato: Come make some watercolor paintings with artist Rob Sato! Attendees will learn watercolor texture techniques and how to use masking in this workshop. Materials provided.

4PM: Doors close

ABOUT OUR FRIENDS:

Creation Station

Creation Station is a wildly creative dance school concept which provides movement based programs for children starting at 18 months of age. All of the classes at Creation Station reflect a commitment to promoting high self esteem. They entertain as well as educate and most of all, allow every child to be just that - a child! Creation Station takes a developmental approach to teaching. We offer classes for children ages 18 months to 16 years. If you come in for a class, please mention you met us at Target day and receive 20% off your session!

For more information on Creation Station, visit: [Creation Station Culver City](#).

Grow Your Own Media

Grow Your Own Media is a community screen printing shop located in the Atwater Village neighborhood of Los Angeles. Their services include custom screen printing, screen printing classes, print studio rentals, event printing, and graphic design.

For more information about Grow Your Own Media, visit: <http://www.gyomedia.com/LosAngeles/Welcome.html>.

Kidding Around the Kitchen

Kidding Around the Kitchen (KATK) brings a "hands on" cooking experience and lesson in which the kids actively participate in the preparation of recipes. The result of their cutting, measuring, cooking, and then eating their creations is more than simply a lesson in health. They get to see, touch, smell, and taste the fruits, vegetables, nuts, cheeses, eggs, meats, and other ingredients that they may never have previously seen in their raw form.

For more information on Kidding Around the Kitchen, visit:

www.kiddingaroundthekitchen.com.

Yumi Sakugawa

Yumi Sakugawa is an illustrator and comic book artist based in the greater Los Angeles area.

For more information about Yumi Sakugawa, visit: <http://www.yumisakugawa.com/>.

OTHER TARGET FREE FAMILY DAYS:

December Target Free Family Day: Holiday Celebration

In conjunction with the exhibition Giant Robot Biennale 3

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue,

Los Angeles California 90012

phone: (213) 625-0414

<http://www.janm.org>

Nov 10 Eclair: For Our Future, For Children Screening

FREE ADMISSION!

1PM

In 1943, the dark shadow of war is sneaking up and about to change everything. After losing his parents at a very early age, Akio lives his life in and out of the orphanage and reformatory. He encounters people like Detective Toyama who saves him from hunger by giving him a sweet pastry, the White Satan at the reformatory, his foster mother Fusano, Tomiko from the cinema, and people from the touring company.

Throughout this difficult time, the only thing that keeps him going is "Sweets & Girls," the song that Yoko, a teacher at the orphanage, sang to him. No matter what happens to him, thinking about sweets and singing the song somehow gives him the power to live...

Director: Akio Kondo. Cast: Hajime Yoshii, Saori, Ayumi Ishida

Screening at the Tateuchi Democracy Forum. Program co-organized by the Japan Foundation, sponsored by the Tateuchi Foundation.

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Nov 11 Nisei Soldiers Break Their Silence by Linda Tamura

2-4PM

Nisei Soldiers Break Their Silence is a compelling story of courage, community, endurance, and reparation. It shares the experiences of Japanese Americans (Nisei) who served in the U.S. Army during World War II, fighting on the front lines in Italy and France, serving as linguists in the South Pacific, and working as cooks and medics. The soldiers were from Hood River, Oregon, where their families were landowners and fruit growers. Town leaders, including veterans' groups, attempted to prevent their return after the war and stripped their names from the local war memorial. All of the soldiers were American citizens, but their parents were Japanese immigrants and had been imprisoned in camps as a consequence of Executive Order 9066. The racist homecoming reception that the Hood River Japanese American soldiers received was decried across the nation.

Linda Tamura, who grew up in Hood River and whose father was a veteran of the war, conducted extensive oral histories with the veterans, their families, and members of the community. She had access to hundreds of recently uncovered letters and documents from private files of a local veterans' group that led the campaign against the Japanese American soldiers. This book also includes the little known story of local Nisei veterans who spent 40 years appealing their convictions for insubordination.

Linda Tamura is professor of education at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. She is the author of *The Hood River Issei: An Oral History of Japanese Settlers in Oregon's Hood River Valley*.

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Nov 10 Tour
1-1:30pm

Enjoy a focused look at Highlights of the Collection, led by the museum's docents. A great way to learn more about Pacific Asia Museum's diverse collection! Free for members, included with museum admission for non-members.

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November 10 "Peace Through Music" concert

The Pasadena Human Relations Commission" is proud to, present it's 14th annual "Peace Through Music" concert on Saturday November 10th at 7:30 PM. The concert will take place in the 1400 seat sanctuary of the First church of the Nazarene, 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, over 70,000 American citizens of Japanese ancestry were forcibly removed from their West Coast homes and indefinitely detained in American style concentration camps. Located in the badlands of America. These Americans and their immigrant parents spent up to three years locked up behind : barbed wire fences, surrounded by machine guns and guard towers. Today, the living survivors of these camps are in their 70's, 80's and 90's. This is a tribute to this group of Americans who truly know what it means to be free—and learn what can happen to American citizens when that freedom is taken away.

The concert is a dedication to survivors and their families and will benefit " Pasadena Human Relations Commission" programs as well as Keiro Senior HealthCare, the Japanese American retirement home of many survivors. We have several International Artists taking part in this concert as well as other accomplished Artists, including singer " Mary Kageyama Nomura" aka "Songbird of Manzanar". Ms. Nomura kept the hopes alive of all the detainees in the camps by singing songs on a daily basis at the age of 16. She will honor guests with her songs once again at a young age of 87.

Performing Artists:

Mary Kageyama Nomura, aka " Songbird of Manzanar

Carl Matthes, concert pianist

Yin Yin Huang, concert pianist

Grateful Crane Ensemble, Moon Light Serenaders

Noriko Hirao, Marimba Artist

Ling Yan, cellist

Min Jung Park, violinist

Cedric Berry, baritone

Yuki Mori, violinist

Allisonne, vocalist

Victoria Gu, Ballerina

Serena Wang, pianist

Matthew Tso, pianist

The Pasadena Human Relations Commission is comprised of energetic and dynamic community leaders with a strong commitment to reduce prejudice, violence, and hate crimes, within Pasadena and its neighboring cities, while promoting good will and equal opportunity in these communities. It is a responsibility and a duty to provide the community with the understanding and knowledge to foster and appreciate acceptance of cultural differences and diversity.

Tickets can be purchased on the night of the concert at the door or may be reserved ahead of time by contacting Nat Nehdar, Chair, Pasadena Human Relations Commission at (626) 351-8680 or Soji Kashiwagi, Pasadena Human Relations Commissioner at (626) 840-8131. The tickets are \$20 for the general public . Japanese American Survivors are free of charge. Students with proper school ID will also be free of charge.

Mr. Robin Salzer, the owner of Robin's Barbeque Restaurant is graciously sponsoring Peace Through Music concert on the following basis: 25 % of all the food-beverages sale, less sales tax on October 30, 31, November 6, and 7, 2012 will be donated to Pasadena Human Relations Commission. The public is urged to support these efforts by dining at one Pasadena's best restaurants, Robin's Barbeque, on those dates. Robin's Barbeque is located at 395 N. Rosemead Blvd., Pasadena.

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.kcccla.org/> Japanese American Community Cultural

Center <http://jaccc.org/> Pacifica Asian Museum <http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org/>

[calendar/whatsnew.htm](http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org/calendar/whatsnew.htm)

Cultural News

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

Los Angeles Public Library

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

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.

Hoshigaki: A Common Grains workshop on dried persimmons

By Betty Hallock

November 1, 2012 10:09 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/features/food/dailydish/la-hoshigaki-a-common-grains-workshop-on-dried-persimmons-20121101.0.6094693.story>

Frances Hashimoto dies at 69; Little Tokyo leader, mochi ice cream creator
Frances Hashimoto was a force for Little Tokyo's development and preservation. She's also the inventor of the rice-cake-wrapped mochi ice cream balls, which have become a popular dessert.

By Teresa Watanabe, Los Angeles Times

November 7, 2012

<http://www.latimes.com/news/obituaries/la-me-frances-hashimoto-20121107.0.930265.story>

Kabuki meets omakase: Japan's Shijo knife ceremony

By Betty Hallock

November 5, 2012 3:25 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/features/food/dailydish/la-dd-kabuki-meets-omakase-japanese-shijo-knife-ceremony-20121105.0.7411276.story>

[Notes on Peking opera, propaganda, and China's party congress](#)

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Julie Makinen

http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/world_now/2012/11/china-beijing-communist-party-congress-american-reporter-peking-opera-propaganda.html

'The Drops of God' comes to America; will wine ever be the same?

By Russ Parsons

November 5, 2012 1:28 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/features/food/dailydish/la-dd-drops-of-god-comes-to-america-will-wine-ever-be-the-same-20121105.0.1583757.story>

Want your own Japanese city? Here's your chance

By David Lazarus

November 2, 2012 10:31 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/money/la-fi-mo-japan-izumisano-city-naming-rights-20121102.0.5067935.story>

Review: LACMA's 'XYZ' on Robert Mapplethorpe: Gay artist vs. straight tradition

Robert Mapplethorpe, instrumental in transforming photography's status in the art world yet mired in scandal, gets his due at LACMA's 'XYZ.'

By Christopher Knight, Los Angeles Times Art Critic

November 4, 2012 4:00 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/arts/culture/la-et-cm-mapplethorpe-review-20121104.0.5857991.story>

Ice attraction set to open alongside Queen Mary in Long Beach

By Hugo Martin

November 6, 2012 4:05 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/money/la-fi-mo-ice-attraction-20121106.0.6360505.story>

Rich Chinese want to buy happiness -- by emigrating

Wealthy Chinese look to the U.S., Australia and Canada in search of less stress, cleaner air, better schools and a more stable political climate.

By Barbara Demick, Los Angeles Times

November 2, 2012

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-china-emigration-20121102.0.7989771.story>

'Chinese Characters' gives insight into a society in flux

The collection of essays from 15 authors captures human stories from the ground up.

By Julie Makinen, Los Angeles Times

November 4, 2012 2:50 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/features/books/jacketcopy/la-ca-jc-chinese-characters-20121104,0,6116661.story>