

April 18 2013
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...)

ed. by Douglas Ikemi (dkikemi@pacbell.net)

Back issues of the newsletter for all of 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 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>

The Art of Continuity: Revering our Elders
December 14, 2012 to January 5, 2014
Changing Exhibition Galleries
[Press Release](#) [PDF:63KB]

The Art of Continuity: Revering our Elders examines the impact of the veneration of ancestors and lineages on the arts of Asia. In cultures informed by Confucian values, worship of family ancestors has generated countless objects for use in prescribed rituals. In other areas of Asia and the Pacific Islands, elders of prior generations are revered for their accumulated wisdom and ability to guide us through life's transitions. The exhibition includes paintings and sculpture from East Asia and the Pacific Islands, including China, Korea and Papua New Guinea. In addition to enjoying a variety of traditions through this exhibition, visitors can share their own memories of their ancestors, highlighting the richness of Southern California's cultural diversity.

Pacific Asia Museum.
46 North Los Robles Avenue,
Pasadena, California 91101 (626) 449-2742
<http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org>

Exhibits (Anime/Manga Exhibition)
SAKURA Exhibition 2013 - Los Angeles
Saturday, April 20 - Sunday, May 12, 2013
Opening Reception: April 20(Sat) noon-3pm

The George J. Doizaki Gallery

Admission is free.

Gallery Hours

Tuesday - Friday: noon to 5pm

Saturday & Sunday: 11am to 4pm

Closed Monday and Holidays

For more Information , email :contact@lajapan.com

or visit website: www.lajapan.com

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E X H I B I T S

Ikenobo

Saturday & Sunday, June 1 & 2, 2013

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chinatownla.ticketbud.com/dimsumcrawl

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or uclaaasc.eventbrite.com

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<http://ci.monterey-park.ca.us/index.aspx?page=812>

April 20-21 Festival of Books

<http://events.latimes.com/festivalofbooks/>

May 12, Free Family Festival: [The Garden in Asia](#)

Sunday, 12-4 p.m.

A perfect Mother's Day afternoon! Enjoy a flower-filled day of performances, crafts and more as we celebrate the garden traditions of Asia.

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May 7, 2013, Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival

Thursday, 7PM

Where: Directors Guild of America, 7920 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90046

Sponsored by: Visual Communications

Co-Sponsored by: UCLA Center for EthnoCommunications

Three films from the UCLA Center for EthnoCommunications program have been selected to screen at the Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival. The Digital Posse program features films by young, up and coming filmmakers from both EthnoCommunications and from Visual Communications' Armed with a Camera fellowship.

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[2013 Chinatown Summer Nights Series](#)

[Saturdays: June 15, July 20, August 17](#)

May 19, 2013 HAPPA GIRL SUSHI BAR AFTER HOUR A Play in Two Acts by Perry Miyake

The San Fernando Valley JACL is presenting HAPPA GIRL SUSHI BAR AFTER HOUR on Sunday, at 2:00 PM at the SFVJACC, 12953 Branford Street, Pacoima.

Synopsis: A washed-up musician, a divorced sansei from Venice now a church janitor living in its store- room, discovers a waitress working in a karaoke bar who has the voice of an angel, but no idea how to sing. And she, being half-Asian and raised in Iowa by her white mother, has no idea of her culture. He teaches her how to really interpret a song, and explore her uncertain background. In the process, they help each other, but who's saving who?

Kym Hoy, who played Margaret in Dan Taguchi's production of Manzanar, the Musical, is the Happa Girl. Michael Hagiwara, who played Kenji in the same production, is the washed-up musician and Shuko Akune is the waitress at the sushi bar. Directing this reading will be Chris Tashima, the 1997 Academy Award Winning writer of Visas and Virtue.

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased from any SFVJACL Board Member or contact Nancy Gohata at yaiko16@verizon.net or call (818) 899-4237. Bento is also available at \$10 after the play.

Bento must be ordered by May 10, 2013.

<http://www.sfvjacc.com/documents/MarApril%202013%20Newsletter.pdf>

This year's Nisei Week Japanese Festival has been set for August 10 - 18, 2013

June 8-9 626 Night Market

The largest Asian night market in Los Angeles.

Now at Santa Anita Park.

July 6-7

August 3-4

Sat 4-12PM

Sun 4-10PM

\$3 admission, free parking

Event Address:

626 Night Market @ Santa Anita Park infield

285 W. Huntington Drive

Arcadia, CA 91007
(Enter through Gate 3, 5, or 6)
<http://www.626nightmarket.com>

Movie on the Plaza
July, 2013 Date:TBA
JACCC Plaza

[75th Annual Mid-Autumn Moon Festival](#)
[Saturday, September 21, 2013](#)

This Weekend (and earlier/later)

April 20-21 41st Annual 2013 Bunka Sai Japanese Cultural Festival (2 days) - Torrance Cultural Arts Center

41st Annual Torrance Sister City Association Bunka-Sai Event. Music and dance performances, martial arts demonstrations, tea ceremonies, calligraphy exhibits, and authentic foods are just a sample of the entertainment and activities you will find at this free community festival honoring the traditions and culture of Japan.

Plenty of fun for the kids and family. Live Japanese Cultural stage performances and plenty of Japanese food. Don't miss this popular event.

Time

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Entrance Fee

Free

Booths

Aikido

Bonsai

Door Prizes

Flower Arrangements

Japanese Doll Display

Japanese Food

Japanese Dance

Judo

Kendo

Koto

Naginata

Origami

Games

Sumi-e Painting

Taiko

Arts & Crafts

Torrance Cultural Arts Center

3330 Civic Center Drive

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City of Torrance
<http://bit.ly/13RJ1nb>

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April 21 CONCERT READING OF 'MANZANAR' MUSICAL AT FAITH UMC

3 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church, 2115 W. 182nd St., Torrance.

For will-call ticket sales or further information, contact Ellen Jee at (310) 779-7262 or

ellenjee@hotmail.com, or Gary Nakata at (310) 375-6398 or kumok99@aol.com.

<http://www.rafu.com/2013/04/concert-reading-of-manzanar-musical-at-faith-umc/>

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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>

Cultural News

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

Los Angeles Public Library

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

Orange County Agricultural and Nikkei Heritage Museum

http://fullertonarboretum.org/museum_nikkei.php

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.

Swift, hopeful reaction to immigration bill

By Lisa Mascaro and Brian Bennett

April 17, 2013 10:04 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/politics/la-pn-hopeful-reaction-immigration-bill-20130417,0,2411047.story>

Sheriff's commander disciplined over ring tone

Cmdr. Paul Pietrantonio denies that his cellphone's 'The Oriental Riff' and a mock Asian voice, or his comments during a meeting with supervisors, were racist.

By Robert Faturechi, Los Angeles Times

April 15, 2013 9:08 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-sheriff-joke-20130416,0,4617364.story>

Immigrants in L.A. guardedly optimistic about Senate bill

Advocates hail the inclusion of a legalization process, but they express concern about the long waits and border security components.

By Cindy Chang and Marisa Gerber, Los Angeles Times

April 16, 2013 7:56 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-ff-immigration-calif-20130417,0,6383464.story>

Birmingham, Ala., embraces its complex history
Fifty years ago, this industrial Southern city was a flash point in the struggle for civil rights. That story is told in monuments, exhibits and more around town.

By Alice Short, Los Angeles Times

April 14, 2013

<http://www.latimes.com/travel/la-tr-birmingham-20130414,0,4306803.story>

Republicans reach out to Asian American voters with new hires

By Maeve Reston

April 9, 2013 4:30 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/politics/la-pn-republicans-asian-voters-20130408,0,4151919.story>

L.A. County cites 16 'maternity hotels' serving Asian visitors

By Cindy Chang

April 11, 2013 4:32 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-maternity-hotels-20130411,0,3266521.story>

'Ikebana Live': Japan's rock star of floral art hits L.A. stage

By David Hay

April 17, 2013 1:44 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/features/home/la-lh-ikebana-live-los-angeles-akane-teshigahara-20130417,0,6798193.story>

African 'Gwan' sculpture among LACMA's latest purchases

The museum spends \$1 million on the African art piece as part of its Collectors Committee event for acquisitions.

By Jori Finkel, Los Angeles Times

April 15, 2013 8:25 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/arts/culture/la-et-cm-lacma-acquisitions-20130416,0,7223905.story>

In Hong Kong, Cantonese opera takes pride of place

Cultural Exchange: A push to preserve the centuries-old art form has placed renewed focus on the opera as the city's only home-grown cultural touchstone.

By Clarissa Sebag-Montefiore

April 13, 2013 10:00 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/arts/culture/la-et-cm-ca-culture-hongkong-20130414,0,1938433.story>

'Tokyo Story' in Japanese film series heading to the Getty

By Mark Olsen

April 12, 2013 10:53 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/movies/moviesnow/la-et-mn-japanese-film-series-getty-20130412,0,3010712.story>

Takashi Murakami on 'Jellyfish Eyes,' his new monster movie

By Jori Finkel

April 11, 2013 7:00 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/arts/culture/la-et-cm-takashi-murakamis-monster-movie-20130410.0.4457095.story>

Movie review: 'Leonie' biopic upstaged by woman's famous son

By Sheri Linden

April 11, 2013 5:45 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/movies/moviesnow/la-et-mn-leonie-capsule-20130412.0.3925240.story>

Saluting Cecilia Chiang, one of California's culinary pioneers

By Russ Parsons

April 9, 2013 3:44 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/features/food/dailydish/la-dd-saluting-cecilia-chiang-culinary-pioneer-20130409.0.1694122.story>

Slain Chinese student's latest U.S. touchstone was watching race

Lu Lingzi was enrolled in Boston University's graduate actuarial science program, the study of risk. She gushed about U.S. culture on social network sites.

By Andrew Tangel, Barbara Demick and Laura J. Nelson, Los Angeles Times

April 17, 2013 4:50 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-boston-bombings-victims-20130418.0.530062.story>