

February 12, 2014
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 2000-2013 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>

Marvels & Monsters: Unmasking Asian Images in U.S. Comics, 1942-1986

October 12, 2013 - February 9, 2014

Through a selection of images from comic books representing four turbulent decades, Marvels & Monsters illustrates how evolving racial and cultural archetypes defined America's perceptions of Asians. This exhibition draws from noted science fiction author and cultural studies scholar William F. Wu's comic book collection—the largest archive of comic books featuring Asians and Asian Americans—that was donated to the NYU Fales Library & Special Collections through the Asian/Pacific/American Institute at NYU.

The Art of Continuity: Revering our Elders December 14, 2012 to January 5, 2014

Changing Exhibition Galleries

[Press Release](#) [PDF:63KB]

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue, Los Angeles California 90012

phone: (213) 625-0414

<http://www.janm.org/exhibits/marvels-monsters/>

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>

GODS & GIFTS: VATICAN ETHNOLOGICAL COLLECTION

Sunday, September 29, 2013 - Sunday, February 09, 2014

From the vast holdings of the Vatican Ethnological Museum comes a presentation of indigenous spiritual pieces that will enable visitors to learn about the global significance of the objects and their journey to the Vatican. These sixty-five sets of remarkable objects have been selected for their artistic and cultural relevance spanning all of earth's populated continents, including the Pacific region. Gods & Gifts: Vatican Ethnological Collection will be on display at the Bowers from September 29, 2013 through February 9, 2014.

Gods & Gifts brings attention to the esoteric Vatican Ethnological Museum collection, home to more than 80,000 rarely seen artistic cultural achievements from across the globe. The collection, begun in 1692, illuminates diverse religious beliefs and practices through works of art and includes gifts presented to the Pope from heads of state and spiritual leaders. This remarkable exhibition, highlighting aesthetically compelling and historically significant objects, is the largest selection of works to ever leave Vatican City.

THE BOWERS MUSEUM

2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706

714.567.3600

<http://www.bowers.org>

April 5, 2013 to March 30, 2014 Pacific Asia Museum Announces New Exhibition

Focus on the Subject: The Art of the Harari Collection

Pasadena, CA— Pacific Asia Museum presents the new exhibition Focus on the Subject: The Art of the Harari Collection in the Frank and Toshie Mosher Gallery of Japanese Art. The exhibition includes a full object rotation in October 2013 to accommodate a greater number of objects and protect them from extended exposure to light.

The renowned Harari Collection of Japanese Edo (1603–1868) and Meiji (1868–1912) era paintings and drawings is one of the most significant groups of works on paper at Pacific Asia Museum. Amassed in London during the 1950s and 60s by Ralph Harari, the collection includes ukiyo- e (“pictures of the floating world”); important prints, paintings and sketches by Hokusai, Hiroshige and their schools; paintings by Kano,

Tosa, Nanga, and Shijo schools; and decorative paintings including fans. In the 1980s, Pacific Asia Museum acquired the majority of this collection with the support of several generous donors. Objects from the collection have previously been included in the exhibitions 40 Years of Building the Pacific Asia Museum Collection in 2011 and Reflections of Beauty: Women from Japan's Floating World in 2006, among others. Focus on the Subject: The Art of the Harari Collection features selected works from this group, and elucidates how Japanese painters and artisans shared their appreciation for certain subjects including landscapes, physical beauty and pursuits like poetry and tea ceremonies. These recurring themes found in the paintings are echoed in other media from the Pacific Asia Museum collection including ceramics, textiles, lacquerware and sculpture. By looking at a few of the finest examples of Harari Collection paintings alongside objects featuring similar subjects, visitors will have an opportunity to appreciate these themes from multiple perspectives, thereby deepening their knowledge of Japanese art and culture. In addition, the exhibition will examine the role of the collector both in private and public realms.

"The Harari Collection is one of Pacific Asia Museum's great treasures," said Curator Bridget Bray. "While we've had objects from the collection on view over the past few years, this exhibition will allow our visitors to get a fuller sense of the range of paintings in the Harari Collection, the stories they tell, and the collecting choices Harari made."

Key objects in the exhibition include several examples of ukiyo-e. One such work is Daruma Carrying a Courtesan Across a Stream by Ogawa Ritsuo (1663-1747). Daruma is the Japanese name for Bodhidharma, the Indian monk who is believed to have taken meditational Buddhism from India to China in the 6th century C.E. In Japan, Daruma is regarded as the founder and patriarch of Zen meditational Buddhism and is often depicted as a sullen monk with large, staring eyes and wearing a red robe as seen here. In the Edo period, his image often appeared in ukiyo-e paintings and prints beside beautiful courtesans in a humorous juxtaposition of beauty and ugliness. The two figures are often depicted wearing each other's clothing, though not in the case of this painting.

Related programs for Focus on the Subject: The Art of the Harari Collection will include an installment each of the popular Art and Coffee series and Silk Road Storytime series.

Top Image: Ogawa Ritsuo, Daruma Carrying a Courtesan Across a Stream, Japan, c. 1740, Ink, color, gofun on paper, Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Calvin Frazier, Pacific Asia Museum Collection, 1986.67.2

About Pacific Asia Museum

Pacific Asia Museum is among the few institutions in the United States dedicated exclusively to the arts and culture of Asia and the Pacific Islands. The museum's mission is to further intercultural understanding through the arts of Asia and the Pacific Islands. Since 1971, Pacific Asia Museum has served a broad audience of students, families, adults, and scholars through its education and outreach programs.

Pacific Asia Museum is located at 46 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, California 91101. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission is \$10 general, \$7 students/seniors, and free for museum members and children under 12. Admission is free every 4th Friday of the month.

For more information visit www.pacificasiamuseum.org or call (626) 449-2742.

East West Players (EWP) proudly announces its 48th Anniversary Season - MAKING LIGHT - 2013-2014.

A NICE INDIAN BOY

By Madhuri Shekar

Directed by Snehal Desai

February 20 - March 23, 2014

The second place winner of EWP's "Face of the Future Playwriting Competition." As gay marriage is being debated by the Supreme Court, this play is timely in continuing the discussion. Naveen Gavaskar meets Keshav Kurundkar, and they share all things Indian - from speaking Hindi to the difficulty of being gay in Indian culture. They agree to meet in person to find that one is South Asian and the other (Keshav) is a Caucasian, adopted by Indian parents and speaks fluent Hindi.

BEIJING SPRING

Lyrics by Tim Dang

Music by Joel Iwataki

May 15 - June 15, 2014

A sung-through musical commemorating the events of the Tiananmen Square Uprising in Beijing, 1989. For weeks, the world's eyes were on China as the youth fought for democracy against the hardliners of the Chinese Community Party. This will mark the 25th Anniversary of the Uprising. BEIJING SPRING is a compelling reminder that the battle for freedom and human rights has yet to be won for many.

EAST WEST PLAYERS

The Nation's Premier Asian American Theatre

120 Judge John Aiso St.

Los Angeles CA 90012

(213) 625-7000

<http://www.eastwestplayers.org>

Saturday, February 22, 2014

10:30am - 12pm

In and around Los Angeles Chinatown

\$15 per person

RSVP required as group size is limited.

[Submit a request online](#) or call (213) 680-0243.

"The Undiscovered Chinatown Tour" To Uncover History, Treasures, and Great Shopping

Visit a temple, an herbal shop, art galleries, antique stores, and more when guided to the unique treasures--not to mention great bargains--to be found in Chinatown. The tour will take visitors to a number of off-the-beaten-track points of interest, and will guide those interested in shopping to some of Chinatown's best bargains and its trendiest shops. See why Chinatown is touted by Sunset and Los Angeles magazines as one of the hottest destinations for urban adventurers! Wear comfortable walking shoes and be

prepared to wind your way through a myriad of alleyways, plaza stalls, and classical courtyards to discover the charm of L.A.'s Chinatown.

Saturday, February 22, 2014 and Sunday, February 23, 2014

Bike Ride: 2/22 begins at 9am

5/10K Run/Walk: 2/23 begins at 8am

Nite n' Day: 2/22 10am-4pm & 2/23 8:15am-12pm

See website for event details and fees or call 323.256.1363.

www.firecracker10k.org

Benefits Need2Read literacy funding for local elementary schools; also community non-profit organizations.

LACFRC is a CA non-profit 501.c3 corporation.

For special tour arrangements or requests, please email at info@chinatownla.com with your need or contact the BID office at (213) 680-0243.

Sunday, February 23, 2014

10:30am - 1pm

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April 12 DENNIS KAMAKAHI & WAIPUNA
8PM

Hawaiian slack key guitar master Dennis Kamakahi is hailed as one of the finest composers Hawaii has ever produced. His tenure with the legendary Hawaiian music group Sons of Hawaii led Kamakahi to become one of Hawaii's most prolific songwriters, crafting more than 400 songs, including many standards in both Hawaiian and English. Waipuna (spring water) is an exciting collaboration of three talented individuals. Their music mixes Hawaiian classics and original songs in a style all their own. In 2012, Waipuna won three Na Hoku Hanohano awards for Group of the Year, Single of the Year and Island Music Album of the Year. With the strong Hawaiian tradition of passing music along through the generations, it is fitting that Waipuna joins Hawaiian music legend Dennis Kamakahi in this special concert. Tickets: \$39, \$34, \$29; patrons under 30: \$32, \$27, \$22; \$100 Gold Seats include vip seating, admission to the Gold Bar, and complimentary beverages

Irvine Barclay Theatre - 4242 Campus Drive, Irvine, CA, 92612, (949) 854-4646 x1

The L.A. Ukulele Expo at the JACCC
Saturday, June 28 2014

This weekend (give or take a little)

February 15, 2014 Warriors of the Rainbow: Seediq Bale [Film Screening]

What time is it there? Taiwan as crossroads -- Taiwan Film Series

Saturday,

7:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Billy Wilder Theater, Hammer Museum

Part I: Sun Flag

PROD: John Woo, Terence Chang, Huang Chih-ming. DIR/SCR: Wei Te-sheng. CINE: Chin Ting-chang. EDIT: Chen Po-wen Milk Su. CAST: Lin Ching-tai, Umin Boya, Masanobu Ando.

Taiwan's highest-grossing domestic film ever tells of the indigenous Seediq people, split into rival clans, who must find a way to overcome history and fight as one people against occupying Japan, during that nation's colonial rule. Mona Rudao, one of the Seediq clan chiefs, finally launches an armed rebellion at Wushe in 1930. Based on a true story and richly detailed.

Digital video, color, in Seediq, Japanese and Taiwanese w/ English s/t, 144 min.

Part II: Rainbow Bridge

PROD: John Woo, Terence Chang, Jimmy Huang. DIR/SCR: Wei Te-sheng. CINE: Chin Ting-chang. EDIT: Chen Po-wen Milk Su. CAST: Lin Ching-tai, Umin Boya, Masanobu Ando.

After the initial uprising at Wushe, Mona Rudao faces an unwinnable guerrilla war against the militarily superior Japanese plus fierce rival Seediq clans. He and his followers must fight not just for their lives but for their dignity and honor—so that they can truly be “Seediq Bale” or “real men”.

Digital video, color, Seediq, Japanese and Taiwanese w/ English s/t, 131 min.

Saturday, February 16, 2013 to Sunday, February 17, 2013

114th Golden Dragon Parade: Sat, Feb 16th 1pm-3pm ONLY (commencing at Hill and Ord Streets and concluding at Broadway and Cesar Chavez). Grand Marshals are LA Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and LAPD Chief Charlie Beck. Honorary Grand Marshals are Councilman Ed Reyes, Sheriff Lee Baca and Bibiana Yung. For Parade information, contact the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at (213) 617-0396.

lagoldendragonparade.com

Central Plaza Stage (New Chinatown)

943-951 N. Broadway

Saturday, Feb 16: 12pm-8pm

Sunday, Feb 17: 12pm-5pm

Chinese New Year Festival

PAMC Lot, 715 N. Hill Street

Saturday & Sunday, Feb 16 & 17: 10am-9pm

lagoldendragonparade.com

FREE to the public. The festival is easily accessed via Metro Gold Line rail from the Chinatown Station.

<http://www.chinatownla.com>

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/>

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.

Obama picks low-profile arts center executive to chair the NEA

By Mike Boehm

February 12, 2014, 10:00 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/arts/culture/la-et-cm-obama-national-endowment-arts-chairman-20140212,0,6564197.story#axzz2tBK87FZE>

Chinese visitors turning San Gabriel into a boomtown

San Gabriel's growing reputation for Chinese food and services has made it a destination for visitors from China, boosting revenue for the city and creating some hassles for residents.

By Frank Shyong

February 12, 2014, 5:18 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/la-me-san-gabriel-20140213,0,6495861.story#axzz2tBK87FZE>

Cal State L.A. students, faculty debate ethnic studies requirement

By Carla Rivera

February 11, 2014, 11:03 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-calstate-ethnic-20140211,0,5748866.story#axzz2tBK87FZE>

Racist, sexist fliers sent to USC and UCLA spark investigations

By Larry Gordon

February 11, 2014, 4:00 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-racist-sexist-fliers-usc-ucla-20140210,0,1808538.story#axzz2tBMSsOtm>

White students get better teachers in L.A., researcher testifies

By Howard Blume

February 7, 2014, 6:39 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-unequal-teaching-in-la-20140207,0,3465389.story#axzz2tBMSsOtm>

Justice Joyce Kennard retiring from state high court

The California Supreme Court justice will retire in April, giving Gov. Jerry Brown a chance to put his mark on the high court. She was appointed by Republican Gov. George Deukmejian.

By Maura Dolan

February 11, 2014, 10:24 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/la-me-joyce-kennard-retires-20140212,0,3726428.story#axzz2tBMSsOtm>

Haruki Murakami short story infuriates Japanese town leaders

By Carolyn Kellogg

February 6, 2014, 7:54 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/books/jacketcopy/la-et-jc-haruki-murakami-short-story-infuriates-japanese-town-leaders-20140206,0,7630472.story#axzz2tBMSsOtm>

Big in China? Shirley Temple's oddly current vogue

By Julie Makinen

February 12, 2014, 3:04 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/movies/moviesnow/la-et-mn-shirley-temple-black-china-popular-20140212,0,579705.story#axzz2tBMSsOtm>

Ancient Chinese woodblocks inspire new cell-printing technique

By Amina Khan

February 10, 2014, 3:25 p.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-cell-printing-chinese-woodblock-inkjet-20140210,0,3432659.story#axzz2tBMSsOtm>

China TV expose on sex workers sparks angry backlash

By Julie Makinen

February 10, 2014, 7:22 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/world/worldnow/la-fg-wn-china-sex-workers-20140210,0,7224004.story#axzz2tBMSsOtm>

Review: 'Spies of Mississippi': Espionage in the heart of Dixie

The PBS film 'Spies of Mississippi' explores a state-sanctioned secret spy agency's efforts to preserve segregation and its links to violence and murder in the civil rights era.
By Robert Lloyd, Los Angeles Times Television Critic

February 10, 2014, 6:00 a.m.

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/tv/showtracker/la-et-st-spies-of-mississippi-20140210,0,3489352.story#axzz2tBMSsOtm>