

December 16, 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:

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

CHINA'S LOST CIVILIZATION: THE MYSTERY OF SANXINGDUI

October 19, 2014 - March 15, 2015

Bowers Museum is proud to present the latest in its series of exhibits highlighting important treasures from around the world. China's Lost Civilization: The Mystery of Sanxingdui will include objects from the discovery termed "the ninth wonder of the world" and acknowledged by many scholars as one of the greatest archaeological finds ever to be unearthed.

READ MORE: CHINA'S LOST CIVILIZATION: THE MYSTERY OF SANXINGDUI

<http://www.bowers.org/index.php/exhibitions/current-exhibitions>

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HEAVENLY HORSES: TWO THOUSAND YEARS OF CHINESE AND JAPANESE EQUINE ART

June 14, 2014 - February 22, 2015

The horse's impact on both Chinese and Japanese culture cannot be overstated. They shepherded goods, people and ideas across the expansive and varied climates of a continent during the height of the Silk Roads. They were indispensable as military chargers and aided in the expansion and control of empires.

During this year of the horse we celebrate these animals that continue to fascinate and inspire people around the world.

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Jan 4-Feb 15, 2015 The 17th annual Shikishi exhibition is based on the Hatsu- (First-), we are asking you to express your thoughts, hope, and dreams for the New Year using shikishi board. There are no guidelines in using the shikishi : you may write on it, use it as a canvas, and even cut it up to construct a three-dimensional object. We hope that you will participate in the 17th annual shikishi exhibition. You may purchase a shikishi at your local Japanese markets. Entry fee to participant in the exhibition is \$10. All entries must be received by the JACCC on Friday, December 15, 2014. JACCC c/o Shikishi Exhibition 244 So. San Pedro St Los Angeles, Calif 90012

January 4, 2015 Kotohajime

Hatsu-Yuki (First Snow)

Sunday, at 1:00PM

at Aratani Theatre

244 S. San Pedro Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Welcoming the the year of Sheep with performance titled,

Hatsu-Yuki (First Snow) featuring the traditional Japanese dance by *Mai no Kai*,

Cambodia dancer from the Khmer Arts Academy, and Zen archery by IKKYU.

The *kagamibiraki* (breaking of the sake barrel). and other Japanese traditions are performed in celebration of the new year."With special guest performance by Japanese students from the *Tohoku* region in ongoing support for Japan's recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake as part of the *TOMODACHI*-Honda Cultural Exchange Program

General Admission \$20 JACCC Member \$18

Service Fee applicable

All Ticket Sales are Final No Refunds or Exchanges.

Sunday, January 4, 2015

11:00 AM—5:00 PM

Family Festivals

2015 Oshogatsu Family Festival - Year of the Sheep

FREE* ALL DAY!

Ring in the new year and celebrate the Year of the Sheep with fun arts and crafts, food, exciting cultural activities, and performances!

Visit janm.org/oshogatsufest for event info.

*Free admission does not include Hello! Exploring the Supercute World of Hello Kitty.

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January 23, 2015 Film Screening: Valley of the Heroes
UCLA Program on Central Asia Film Screening with Director, Khashem Gyal
Friday, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Humanities Building A51
UCLA

Valley of the Heroes offers a rare glimpse at a pivotal moment of cultural and linguistic transition among Tibetans and Muslims in Hualong County, a remote community in Amdo, Tibet, part of what is now eastern Qinghai Province, China. Over the past several decades, Tibetans living in Hualong have experienced rapid cultural shifts accelerated by language loss – today more than 30% are unable to speak their own native language. The film spends time with an assortment of village residents and elders who reflect on the changes taking place in their community, and also documents a unique Tibetan language program that is attempting to address the situation.

A film by Khashem Gyal.

In association with the Kham Film Project

Khashem Gyal graduated from Qinghai Nationalities University with a major in Tibetan Literature. He is a key member of the Plateau Photographers and founder of the Amilolo Film Group, dedicated to educating young Tibetans about digital video production and encouraging a new generation of Tibetan filmmakers. Khashem Gyal has directed numerous short films about Tibetan life and culture. Valley of the Heroes is his first full-length documentary film.

Visit Valley of the Heroes website for more information.

<http://international.ucla.edu/asia/centralasia>

Sponsor(s): Center for Chinese Studies, Asia Institute, Program on Central Asia, Anthropology, Geography

January 30, 2015 Film Screenings

Hatsumi: One Grandmother's Journey through the Japanese Canadian Internment

Friday, 7:00 PM

FREE

Director Chris Hope, a member of JANM's Board of Governors, takes his grandmother, Nancy Hatsumi Okura, to visit the sites in Canada where she was incarcerated during World War II.

The story comes to life in vivid detail as the two discuss Okura's wartime experiences for the first time. The film follows Hope and Okura across Canada and, unexpectedly, around the world.

Read an interview with director Chris Hope on DiscoverNikkei.org.

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This weekend (give or take a little)

December 21, 2014 Soon It Will Be Christmas

Aloha Kalikimaka
Sunday, at 3:00PM
at Aratani Theatre
244 S. San Pedro Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Japanese American Cultural & Community Center
Presents

“Soon it will be Christmas” Aloha Kalikimaka

At The ARATANI THEATRE A concert of holiday music and hula featuring performances by five award-winning halau of Southern California. Featuring Halau Keali'i O Nalani, Los Angeles, kumu Keali'i Ceballos Halau Hula A Kawika Iaua 'O Leinani, Diamond Bar, na kumu Kawika & Leinani Vilorio Kaulana Ka Hale Kula 'O Na Pua, Torrance, kumu Randy Chang Halau Hula Na Meakanu O Laka O Hawai'i, Lakewood, kumu Rolanda Mohala Reese Aloha Hula Dance Studio, Granada Hills, kumu Lyn-Del Laua'e Pedersen Also performing will be the U-Space 'ukulele club, led by Jason Arimoto and Brad Ranola. U-Space is JACCC's resident 'ukulele store, music school, and cafe.

Free pre-concert show for you and your family, which will feature live entertainment and complimentary beverages starting at 2:00 p.m.

PERFORMANCE at 3:00pm, Aratani Theatre - The Aratani Theatre doors will open at approximately 2:30 pm.

Box Office The Box Office will open at 11:00am on the morning of the show for Will Call and Day Of Ticket Sales.

Tickets: General Admission \$28 Orchestra / \$22 Balcony JACCC Members \$25 Orchestra /\$19 Balcony

Group + 10 \$20 Orchestra/ \$18 Balcony

For more information or Tickets call 213-680-3700 or visit www.jaccc.org

December 21, 2014 Film Screenings

Jake Shimabukuro: Life on Four Strings

Sunday, 3:00 PM

Celebrate the holidays with a screening of Jake Shimabukuro: Life on Four Strings, an inspiring portrait of an inventive musician whose virtuoso ukulele skills have transformed all previous notions of the instrument's potential. Through intimate conversations with Shimabukuro, the film reveals the cultural and personal influences that have shaped the man and the musician.

Screening will be followed by a special holiday performance by Shimabukuro, a conversation between Shimabukuro and award-winning director Tadashi Nakamura, and a light reception. This event is co-presented by JANM, Angry Asian Man, First Pond Entertainment, and Visual Communications.

\$24 JANM and Visual Communications members; \$30 general admission.

Members, please bring current membership card to validate special discount.

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<http://www.janm.org/events/2014/12/#21>

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Where I went last weekend (or the weekend before): See 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/>

Pacific Asia 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.

Asian Americans make new push for L.A. council seats

By DAVID ZAHNISER

Dec 15

<http://www.latimes.com/local/cityhall/la-me-analysis-asian-american-20141215-story.html>

Letter from Toyko: The last Tower Records standing

Mark Swed

Dec 11

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/arts/la-et-cm-letter-from-tokyo-tower-records-20141210-column.html>

San Gabriel Valley's El Monte getting a boost from Chinese investors

By FRANK SHYONG

Dec 13

<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-el-monte-chinese-20141213-story.html#page=1>

John McCain has moral clarity about CIA torture report

DAVID HORSEY

Dec 11

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/topoftheticket/la-na-tt-john-mccain-cia-torture-20141211-story.html>