

May 25, 2015

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/> 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>

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

USC Pacific Asia Museum is proud to present a variety of exhibitions throughout the year. The following are currently on view:

Visualizing Enlightenment: Decoding the Buddhist Iconography

March 20 through July 24, 2015

Visualizing Enlightenment focuses on an exceptional Amitabha (or Amida Buddha) from the Kamakura period (1185-1333) in Japan. Over 6-feet tall, Amitabha is a rare example of such large scale in existence and was executed using the technique yosegi, in which a single image is carved from multiple pieces of wood that are joined together from the inside.

Ikko Style: The Graphic Art of Ikko Tanaka

April 2, 2015 through August 2, 2015

Focusing on the core of his artistic practice, poster design, Ikko Style will provide a colorful look into how Ikko TANAKA's ideas were visualized and transmitted to a broad audience.

46 North Los Robles Avenue

Pasadena, California 91101

Open Wednesday through Sunday 10am to 6pm

http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org/on_view/index.aspx

April 11, 2015-July 11, 2015 A Master. China's Picasso.

The People's Artist. All of these prestigious titles belong to one man, Qi Baishi. Regardless of which title precedes him, Qi Baishi is widely regarded as the most well-known and influential Chinese modern artist.

Qi Baishi: China's Modern Master features over 40 of the artist's paintings, seal carvings and woodworks, all of which have never before been seen outside of China. These works exemplify the celebrated way in which Qi Baishi employed traditional Chinese style and technique in tandem with modern individualism and expression. This exhibition is on loan from the Hunan Provincial Museum in Changsha, China.

Bowers Museum

2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706 · 714.567.3600

<http://www.bowers.org/index.php/exhibitions/current-exhibitions/421-qi-baishi-china-s-modern-master>

**June 14 Free 2nd Sunday - Muslim Celebration of Ramadan
Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.**

Admission to the galleries is free all day, as well as these special events:

July 12 Free 2nd Sunday - Cambodian Cultural Festival

Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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July 25, 2015 "J-Town Jazz Club" And Dan Taguchi Big Band

Saturday, at 2:00PM

at Aratani Theatre

244 S. San Pedro Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Presented by the Union Church of Los Angeles

Written by Soji Kashiwagi

Directed by Darrell Kunitomi

Musical Director: Scott Nagatani

In the "**J-Town Jazz Club**," a group of Japanese Americans return to Little Tokyo after three years in camp to find that the place they called home has become an African American enclave known as "**Bronzeville**." Featuring famous blues tunes from the era, this musical drama shares a little-known history of Los Angeles when Little Tokyo was alive with new people, new businesses, new churches--and jazz legends like Charlie Parker--brought the blues to J-Town.

Starting the night off with the "**Dan Taguchi Big Band**" who will set the tone with some favorite songs of the 1940's.

Tickets available @ www.jaccc.org

\$50 Special VIP (Reserved Seating)

\$25 orchestra (Reserved Seating)

\$20 balcony (GA)

Sunday, October 11 **Free 2nd Sunday - Korean Cultural Festival**

Admission to the galleries is free all day, as well as these special events:

10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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<http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org/calendar/index.aspx>

Silk Road Story Time: 10:30 am & 11:30 am

Crafts: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Spotlight Tours: 11:00 am & 1:00 pm

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<http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org/calendar/index.aspx>

This weekend (give or take a little)

May 28, 2015 The Changing Landscape of the United States

Thursday, 7:00pm

Chinese American Museum

Panel Discussion

Please email RSVP@camla.org to reserve a seat

50 Years since the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act

The 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act's authors may not have fully realized the role that the Act would play in changing the face of the United States, and significantly increasing the number of Asian and Latino immigrants. This panel discussion will commemorate 50 years of this monumental point in American history and discuss its impact in Los Angeles.

This FREE event will be moderated by Linda Vo, Associate Professor of the Department of Asian American Studies, School of Humanities, of UC Irvine.

Panelists will include:

– Jose Calderon, Emeritus Professor of Sociology and Chicano/a and Latino/a Studies, Pitzer College

– The Honorable Mike Eng, Board of Trustees, Los Angeles Community College District

– Stewart Kwoh, President & Executive Director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Los Angeles

The Chinese American Museum i

425 N. Los Angeles Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

(The cross street is Arcadia)

Contact Information

Museum Front Desk: (213) 485-8567

<http://camla.org>

May 30, 2015 Edible Adventures: Vegetarian Little Tokyo Walk

Saturday, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

Lifelong Learning

Learn about the role Japanese produce farmers played in the early days of Little Tokyo while sampling vegetables such as *kabocha* (winter squash), *konnyaku* (yam cake), and *edamame* (soybeans) from neighborhood shops.

\$40 members, \$50 non-members. Nibbles and admission to *Common Ground: The Heart of Community* included; lunch stop is extra. Limited to 15 participants.

Comfortable walking shoes recommended.

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue, Los Angeles California 90012

phone: (213) 625-0414

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

June 02, 2015 Video Conference: Republic of China (Taiwan) President Ma Ying-jeou
Republic of China (Taiwan) President Ma Ying-jeou will speak by video link to audiences in the US, followed by a moderated discussion in Los Angeles

Tuesday,

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Taiwan Academy

1137 Westwood Blvd

Los Angeles , CA 90024

Republic of China (Taiwan) President **Ma Ying-jeou** will speak by video link to audiences in the United States, followed by questions and commentary from Stanford-based scholars **William Perry**, **Larry Diamond**, and **Lanhee Chen**. When the video broadcast concludes, **R. Bin Wong**, Director of the UCLA Asia Institute and Distinguished Professor of History, will moderate a discussion at Taiwan Academy between **Jeffrey Wasserstrom** (UC Irvine) and **David Kang** (USC) about the ideas presented.

Attendance is by RSVP only. [Please RSVP here.](#)

The reception begins at 5:30 p.m. and the video broadcast begins at 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.international.ucla.edu/asia/event/11296>

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/>
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.

Japanese American basketball leagues help girls progress at prep level
By SAMANTHA MASUNAGA
May 22
<http://www.latimes.com/sports/highschool/la-sp-japanese-american-sports-20150523-story.html#page=1>

Activist tries to rally Pakistani Americans to demand a more liberal Pakistan
By SARAH PARVINI
May 24
<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-pakistani-activist-20150525-story.html>

Supreme Court redistricting case could reduce Latinos' political clout
By DAVID G. SAVAGE AND DAVID LAUTER
May 26
<http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-supreme-court-voting-districts-20150526-story.html#page=1>

Sony defends 'Aloha,' says it respects 'spirit and culture' of Hawaii
By OLIVER GETTELL
May 26

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/movies/moviesnow/la-et-mn-cameron-crowe-aloha-criticized-hawaiian-asian-american-groups-20150526-story.html>

SPECIAL REPORT U.S. MILITARY AND CIVILIANS ARE INCREASINGLY DIVIDED

By DAVID ZUCCHINO AND DAVID S. CLOUD

May 24

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-warrior-main-20150524-story.html#page=1>

Review 'When Marnie Was There' deftly creates a magical friendship

Kenneth Turan

May 21

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/movies/la-et-mn-when-marnie-was-there-review-20150522-column.html>

Take a Sriracha tour during chili-grinding season, plus snacks and Chinese lion dances

By TIEN NGUYEN

May 18

<http://www.latimes.com/food/dailydish/la-dd-sriracha-tour-chili-grinding-season-chinese-lion-dances-20150515-story.html>