

March 30, 2016

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 2000-2015 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.

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Please send in information on cultural events and news items to [dkikemi@pacbell.net](mailto:dkikemi@pacbell.net). You can also try [dkikemi@icloud.com](mailto:dkikemi@icloud.com).

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Long range calendar items:

Los Angeles Public Library:

<http://www.lapl.org>

April 06, 2016 Book Launch: Mohamed M. Keshavjee, Into That Heaven of Freedom  
Dr. Mohamed M. Keshavjee, a second-generation South African, shares the story of the Indian Muslim community's contribution to South Africa and its twentieth-century struggle for equality – a struggle that produced two moral giants, Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela.

Wednesday, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Fowler Museum

Mohamed M. Keshavjee, Into That Heaven of Freedom

Book Launch and Reading

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**Sponsor(s):** , Fowler Museum at UCLA

<http://www.international.ucla.edu/asia/event/11836>

Cherry Blossom Festival

Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17, 2016

Planned and coordinated by community volunteers, the Cherry Blossom Festival strives to provide a cultural arts event that offers a forum for learning, entertainment, fun, and support of community.

The 2016 Cherry Blossom Festival Committee and the City of Monterey Park are pleased to present the 19th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival on April 16-17, 2016. Entry to the festival is free to the public.

- Saturday, April 16, 2016, 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 17, 2016, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Barnes Park, 350 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.

<http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/673/Cherry-Blossom-Festival>

April 16-17, 2016 Bunka Sai Japanese Cultural Festival

11AM-5PM

Torrance Sister City Association

2016 Bunka-Sai Cultural Performance Schedule

Saturday, April 16 in Ken Miller Recreation Center

11:50 Dance Fujima Seiyumi-Kai traditional and classical dance

12:20 Anime Contest           Winners announcement

12:30 Tea Ceremony           Traditional art of the preparation and presentation of tea by Naomi Onizuka and Yuko Kubo from Urasenke school

1:10 Judo                         South Bay Judo; meaning "gentle ways," judo uses skill, technique and timing rather than the use of brute strength.

1:50 Kimono                 Toshiko Okawa will demonstrate obi (sash tying) with five models in yukata, hakama and tomesode formal wear.

2:30 Dance                 Nakamura Narumi traditional and classical dance

3:10 Kendo                 Torrance Kendo; type of martial arts known as the "way of the sword."

3:40 Naginata             Torrance Naginata Dojo; a martial art of power and grace practiced by women using sweeping movement with a pole weapon.

4:20 Taiko                 LATI Students and UnitOne; Traditional wooden drum ensemble known for its discipline, rhythm and art form.

Demonstrations

Every 30 minutes       Kamishibai, traditional story-telling in Assembly Room

11:15-11:45 Taiko       Prota Daiko traditional wooden drum ensemble on Torino Plaza outdoor stage. Taiko is known for its huge drum played at festivals.

12:00 Ikebana             Flower-arranging lesson by Ikenobo-Kai in Assembly Room

2:00 Hula                 Halau Keali'i O Nalani, Kuma Hula, Keali'i Ceballos; Hawaiian dance inspired by our friends in Japan on Torino Plaza outdoor stage

Sunday, April 17 in Ken Miller Recreation Center

11:00 Music               Matsutoyo-kai folk music singers and musicians

11:50 Shodo               Ink-dipped brush painting of Japanese characters by Beikoku Shodo Kenkyukai.

12:30 Taiko               Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko. Traditional wooden drum ensemble.

1:10 Shakuhachi           Shoshi Kanokohata will play this flute-type instrument.

1:50 Koto                    Awaya school students will play this 13-string wooden instrument with finger picks.

2:30 Dance                    Mai No Kai traditional and classical dance accompanied by shamisen musicians.

3:10 Aikido                    Torrance Aikido; Martial art that focuses on self defense, physical fitness and                    spiritual awareness.

3:40 Koto                    Yuki Yasuda Koto Zanmai Ensemble plays this long stringed instrument with finger picks.

4:20 Taiko                    L.A.Taiko Center; traditional wooden drum ensemble. Taiko is known for its discipline, rhythm and art form.

Demonstrations

Every 30 minutes            Kamishibai, traditional story-telling in Assembly Room

12:00-5:00                    Amezaiku, candy sculpture artist Ichiyanagi in Assembly Room

12:00                            Judo Demo by South Bay Judo on Torino Plaza outdoor stage

12:45-3:30                    Shodo Calligraphy, hands-on demo in Assembly Room

2:00                              Karate                    Demo by USA Wado-ryu Karate-do, Torrance YMCA on Torino Plaza outdoor stage

Ken Miller Recreation Center  
3341 Torrance Blvd  
<http://www.torrancesistercity.org>

October 1 Akimatsuri Fall Festival  
Saturday, October 1  
ESGVJCC  
<http://esgvjcc.org/site/events>

## CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

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

*The View from a Scholar's Studio: Japanese Literati Paintings from Tiezudingzhai Collection*

May 15, 2015 through May 15, 2016

*Reshaping Tradition: Contemporary Ceramics from East Asia*

September 11, 2015 through January 31, 2016

46 North Los Robles Avenue,  
Pasadena, California 91101 (626) 449-2742  
USC Pacific Asia Museum.

<http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org>

SACRED REALMS: TEMPLE MURALS BY SHASHI DHOJ TULACHAN FROM THE GAYLE AND EDWARD P. ROSKI COLLECTION

Ongoing

ANCIENT ARTS OF CHINA: A 5000 YEAR LEGACY

Ongoing

Bowers Museum

2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706 · 714.567.3600  
<http://www.bowers.org/index.php/exhibitions/current-exhibitions>

#### Special Exhibition Opens

Royal Taste: The Art of Princely Courts in Fifteenth-Century China

February 26, 2016 - June 26, 2016

*Royal Taste* offers a unique glimpse into the luxurious lifestyles and religious practices of princely courts in early- and mid-Ming China (1368-1644). Organized by The Ringling, this exhibition of more than 140 works of pictorial, sculptural, and decorative arts reveals some lesser-known aspects of palatial lives, religious patronage, and afterlife beliefs of Ming princes, whose world has long been a mystery. The quality of craftsmanship and beauty of design testifies to the richness and sophistication of the art and culture of the nobility in the provinces.

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Pasadena, California 91101 (626) 449-2742  
USC Pacific Asia Museum.  
<http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org>

Tales of the Distant Past: The Story of Hong Kong and the Chinese Diaspora (A Tribute from the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals of Hong Kong)

October 6, 2015 - October 9, 2016

Millions of Chinese have emigrated overseas since the 1850s. Although known more for its pivotal position as a port city, Hong Kong was also a gateway for the Chinese diaspora, facilitating the migration of Chinese to over 135 different countries worldwide.

*Tales of the Distant Past: The Story of Hong Kong and the Chinese Diaspora (A Tribute from the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals in Hong Kong)* explores the factors leading to this mass migration and examines the role of both Hong Kong and the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals in supporting the needs of Chinese living in Hong Kong and abroad. Established in 1870, the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals is the longest standing and largest philanthropic organization in Hong Kong. The Chinese American Museum is located in the red-bricked historic Garnier Building, located at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument across from downtown Los Angeles' Union Station. Just follow the hanging lanterns, south of Olvera Street, to find the museum site.

Address

425 N. Los Angeles Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(The cross street is Arcadia)  
<http://camla.org>

MAKING WAVES: JAPANESE AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHY, 1920-1940

February 28 – June 26, 2016

*Making Waves: Japanese American Photography, 1920–1940* is an in-depth examination of the contributions of Japanese Americans to photography, particularly modernist art photography, much of which was lost as a result of the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. The exhibition presents 103 surviving works from that period.

TWO VIEWS: PHOTOGRAPHS BY ANSEL ADAMS AND LEONARD FRANK

February 28 – April 24, 2016

*Two Views: Photographs by Ansel Adams and Leonard Frank* examines the forced incarceration of citizens of Japanese descent who were living in the western coastal regions. Adams's photographs were taken at the Manzanar War Relocation Center, while Frank's images capture the movement of Japanese Canadians through British Columbia's bureaucratic systems.

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue, Los Angeles California 90012

phone: (213) 625-0414

<http://www.janm.org>

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This weekend (give or take a little)

April 3 -Torrance Cherry Blossom Festival at Columbia Park, 4045 190th St. in north Torrance. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free admission.

<http://blogs.dailybreeze.com/southbay/2016/03/25/fifth-annual-torrance-cherry-blossom-festival-returns-to-columbia-park-april-3/>

April 3, 2016 Bowers Museum Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival

Sunday, 11am - 4pm | Key Courtyard / Kidseum

Join the Bowers Museum in celebrating the Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival with art, music, and dancing.

Program:

11:00am – 4:00pm: Face painting, art projects (fish prints, Cherry Blossom watercolors), Mochi tasting, and Bonsai display by Kofu Bonsai Kai Club

12:00pm: Japanese classical dance (Nihon Buyo) w/ Hanayagi Rokufumi

12:30pm: Japanese folk lute (Tsugaru Shamesen w/ Mike Penny)

1:00pm: Break

1:30pm: Japanese zither (Koto) with Yukiko Matsuyama

2:00pm: Japanese taiko (Folk Drumming) with Taiko Center of Los Angeles

2:30pm: Japanese folk dance (Bon Odori) with Taiko Center of Los Angeles

Kidseum is open from 10am to 4pm!

Stop in for art and archaeology exhibits, face painting, and hands-on art projects for the whole family. Join Master Storyteller, Miss Cynthia, throughout the day.

This festival is generously sponsored by The Nicholas Endowment.

Please note: Admission to the Bowers Museum and to Kidseum are free on festival Sundays to Members and to Santa Ana residents only.

Bowers Museum

2002 North Main Street

Santa Ana, CA 92706

714.567.3600

<http://www.bowers.org/index.php/education-programs/family-programs/event/161-japanese-cherry-blossom-festival>

April 3 Tokyo City Cup & Japan Family Day

Santa Anita Park, 11AM-5PM

**Free Admission Coupon Available website** Print the coupon and present at gate.

<http://www.tokyocitycup.com/japan-family-day/>

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Where I went last weekend (or the weekend before): See [dkikemi.blogspot.com](http://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://jacc.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](http://fullertonarboretum.org/museum_nikkei.php)

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Articles from the LA Times:

MOVIES March 25

'Miss India America' takes a page from Hollywood's South Asian film community  
Kavita Daswani

ASIA March 30

Taiwan's complex relationship with Japan affects recognition of 'comfort women'  
Ralph Jennings

L.A. NOW March 30

Former Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl dies at 70  
Kate Linthicum and Veronica Rocha

POLITICS March 30

Will Latino voters send a signal to Donald Trump, and 7 other 'what ifs' about California's jungle primary  
Phil Willon, Patrick McGreevy and Christina Bellantoni

POLITICS March 21

'A good villain': Trump aids Latino activists in trying to turn Arizona blue  
Seema Mehta

ARTS & CULTURE March 29

Tainted-blood scandal of '80s Japan brought to life on the L.A. stage  
David C. Nichols

MOVIES NOW March 25

Chinese director Lu Chuan: 'River Town' is 'very sensitive' but 'I'll worry when I finish the movie'  
Julie Makinen

EDITORIAL March 22

Ignore Cruz and Trump — scapegoating Muslims is an un-American response to the Brussels attacks  
The Times editorial board

POLITICS March 12

How black, Latino and Muslim college students organized to stop Trump's rally in Chicago  
Kate Linthicum and Kurtis Lee

BOOKS March 25

Jung Yun's family drama 'Shelter' reads like a suspenseful thriller  
Steph Cha