

June 15, 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.

Please send in information on cultural events and news items to dkikemi@pacbell.net. You can also try dkikemi@icloud.com.

Long range calendar items:

Los Angeles Public Library:

<http://www.lapl.org>

June 25 ASIAN HERITAGE JAZZ FESTIVAL

The Asian Heritage Jazz Festival features some of the most renowned Asian Jazz Artists in America, who have made inroads on a national and global scale. This festival strives to showcase the achievements of these artists, and to recognize the many Asian-American musicians who have succeeded in embracing Jazz an original American art form.

6-10 PM

Japanese American Cultural and Community Center

244 S. San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Wine Tasting, Food Vendors will be available during the festival

<http://www.asianheritagejazzfestival.com>

June 25 Tales of Old Tokyo

John Darwin Van Fleet

talk + signing

Come join **John Darwin Van Fleet** as he takes us on light and irreverent romp through the years 1853 (the year that Japan was forced to open itself to foreign interactions, by the U.S. Navy) to 1964, the year Tokyo hosted the Olympics. This talk and visual presentation will touch on some of the more than 300 graphics collected from the era, along with hundred of quotes, first hand observations and images that illuminate these phenomenal years in the history of the city.

From gruesome murders, to discourses upon the Japanese toilet, to geisha at play and salarymen at work - experience *Tales of Old Tokyo* and you may never see the city or the country in the same way again.

This event is free and open to the public.

Kinokuniya Los Angeles

123 Astronaut E. Onizuka St. #205

Los Angeles, CA 90012

213.687.4480

June 25 Asia America Symphony with Karin Nagano

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Venue Display Info

Zipper Concert Hall – The Colburn School, 200 S. Grand Ave.

Internationally renowned concert pianist, KARIN NAGANO, makes her Los Angeles debut with Music Director DAVID BENOIT and the Asia America Youth Symphony on Saturday June 25, 2016 - 8pm at the Zipper Concert Hall, The Colburn School.

Featuring the Piano Concerto #1 in C major, opus 15 by Ludwig van Beethoven.

\$\$15 - \$\$50

<http://aasympphony.org/asia-american-symphony-joins-karin-nagano/>

Saturday, July 9, 2016

11:00 AM—4:00 PM

Family Festivals

JANM Free Family Days: Handy Crafts

FREE ALL DAY

Inspired by *Above the Fold*, this Family Day will explore origami and other fun handmade crafts.

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100 North Central Avenue, Los Angeles California 90012

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<http://www.janm.org>

LITTLE TOKYO CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAYS: JULY 10 | JULY 17 | JULY 24 | JULY 31

\$12 PRESALE, \$15 DOOR | LIMITED ADMISSION | 5-9PM | 21+

Returning for its second season, the **Little Tokyo Concert Series** honors the intimate, outdoor and natural setting as an ideal environment to experience good music up close.

With a diverse lineup of LA's hottest acts, each night will be a unique and exciting way to wrap your weekends. After selling out each concert last year, we are thrilled to bring this series back to Los Angeles with a fresh line-up, here in the heart of Little Tokyo.

JAMES IRVINE JAPANESE GARDEN

(Japanese American Cultural & Community Center)

244 S. San Pedro St.

Los Angeles, CA 90012

GARDEN ENTRANCE

The entrance to the garden is conveniently located on San Pedro Street between 2nd and 3rd streets. Look for the narrow walkway between the JACCC Center Building and the adjacent alley.

PARKING

Joe's Auto Parks/Sho Tokyo Garage
350 E 2nd St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

\$10 parking. The entrance to Joe's Auto Parks is on 2nd Street, walk across the JACCC plaza to the San Pedro Street garden entrance.

*Street parking in Little Tokyo is also free on Sundays.

<http://www.jaccc.org/littletokyoconcertseries>

Thursday, July 21, 2016

7:00 PM

Special Events

JANM Summer Night Concerts—Viva La Taiko: From Tokyo to Los Angeles

FREE

JANM's summer evening concert series featuring Asian American performers is back! Tonight's focus is on taiko, with featured performers Isaku Kageyama and East LA Taiko.

An award-winning musician, composer, and educator, Kageyama will demonstrate styles of taiko drumming indigenous to the Tokyo area in both traditional and contemporary arrangements. His performance will include brief explanations of the historical and cultural background of each piece.

The ensemble East LA Taiko, featuring Chicana rockstar Lysa Flores, will then bring the concert back to the heart of Los Angeles with their unique and infectious blend of Latin musical roots, Afro-Cuban rhythms, ska-punk riffs, and driving taiko beats. Join us for a very special evening that will evoke musical traditions from around the globe!

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October 1 Akimatsuri Fall Festival

Saturday, October 1

ESGVJCC

<http://esgvjcc.org/site/events>

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

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.

46 North Los Robles Avenue,

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.

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Cave Temples of Dunhuang: Buddhist Art on China's Silk Road

May 7–September 4, 2016, GETTY CENTER

http://www.getty.edu/research/exhibitions_events/exhibitions/cave_temples_dunhuang/gallery.html

June 27- May 2017 USC Pacific Asia Museum will undergo a seismic retrofitting to strengthen its foundation, as well as add approximately 700 square-feet of gallery space.

This weekend (give or take a little)

June 17

Fusion Friday

Come for a special evening viewing of *Royal Taste: The Art of Princely Courts in Fifteenth-Century China* and enjoy cocktails, conversation, music and fun hands-on activities in the courtyard.

Admission: \$15 presale, \$18 nonmembers at the door. Free for members. Admission includes the *Royal Taste* exhibition. Designed for adults. Click [here](#) to reserve your tickets now.

7-10PM

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USC Pacific Asia Museum

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

Saturday, June 18, 2016

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Tateuchi Public Program Series

A Conversation with Dave Roberts

Join us for a conversation with Dave Roberts, the first minority manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Moderated by Scott Akasaki, the Dodgers' Director of Team Travel, Roberts will discuss his history and future with the Dodgers; how his half-Japanese, half-African American background has informed his perspective; his current role as manager of a storied franchise; and opinions on his players including Japanese pitcher Kenta Maeda. Roberts will be available to sign items after the program, limit one item per person.

Admission is free for members and \$9 for non-members. Seating is limited; RSVPs are required for members and pre-payment is required for non-members. Museum admission included.

Members, please RSVP to memberevents@janm.org or 213.830.5646.

Non-members, please use website.

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

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Saturday, June 18, 2016

2:00 PM

Books & Conversations Author Discussion and Activist Panel—*Serve the People* by Karen L. Ishizuka

Serve the People: Making Asian America in the Long Sixties tells the story of the social and cultural movement that knit disparate communities of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans into a political identity. Drawing on more than 120 interviews and illustrated with striking images from guerrilla publications, the book's vivid narrative reveals the personal epiphanies and intimate stories of insurgent movers and shakers and ground-level activists alike. *Serve the People* paints a panoramic landscape of a radical time and aims to be the definitive history of Asian American political consciousness.

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June 18-19 Sun Valley Japanese Community Center Obon Festival

8850 Lankershim Blvd , Sun Valley, CA, 91352

5-10PM

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Where I went last weekend (or the weekend before):

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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

Articles from the LA Times:

ASIA June 15
In China, feminism is growing — and so is the backlash
Jonathan Kaiman

ASIA June 13
Japanese police begin crackdown on coerced sex in the porn industry
Jake Adelstein and Mari Yamamoto

CALIFORNIA June 16
Olympic Auditorium: L.A.'s working-class history embodied in one building
Lorraine Ali

OP-ED June 15
Is the God of Jews, Christians and Muslims a homophobe?
Richard Rodriguez

NATION June 14
How the Orlando attack could mark a shift for gay Muslims
Jaweed Kaleem

ARTS & CULTURE June 15
'A sickness in this country': Pulitzer winner Ayad Akhtar on politics, Muslim life in the West, capitalism's cruelties
Jeffrey Fleishman