

June 20, 2017

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>

LIBRARY FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES | ALOUD PRESENT

AN EVENING WITH ROXANE GAY

HUNGER: A MEMOIR OF (MY) BODY

IN CONVERSATION WITH ANN FRIEDMAN

MONDAY, JUNE 26 • 7:30 PM

AN EVENING WITH ARUNDHATI ROY

THE MINISTRY OF UTMOST HAPPINESS

IN CONVERSATION WITH HÉCTOR TOBAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 29 • 7:30 PM

AN EVENING WITH SHERMAN ALEXIE

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY YOU LOVE ME

A PERFORMANCE

TUESDAY, JULY 18 • 7:30 PM

CO-PRESENTED WITH JACCC AT THE ARATANI THEATRE

244 SOUTH SAN PEDRO STREET

(BETWEEN 2ND AND 3RD STREETS)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(213) 628-2725

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

July 1 Senshin Buddhist Temple Obon

1311 W 37th St

Los Angeles, CA 90007-3960

<http://senshintemple.org>

July 8-9 Zenshuji Obon Carnival
11AM-8PM
123 South Hewitt Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
<http://www.zenshuji.org/images/Obon2017.jpg>

July 8-9 Nishi Obon
2-10PM
815 East First Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
<https://www.nishihongwanji-la.org/temple/obon/>

LITTLE TOKYO

GARDEN CONCERTS

SUNDAYS

JULY 16 & AUGUST 6, 2017

JAMES IRVINE JAPANESE GARDEN

6PM-9PM

Returning for its third season, the Little Tokyo Garden Concerts honor the intimate, outdoor and natural setting with two special concerts curated for the garden experience

LARAAJI

SUNDAY JULY 16

JAMES IRVINE JAPANESE GARDEN

6:00PM DOORS, 7:00PM SHOW

This concert promises to be an exquisite sound immersion of expansive dimensions.

The world renowned innovative zither/harp master, composer, and sound healing presence of Laraaji is joined by collaborative partner, sound healing musician Reiki Master Arji OceAnanda for an evening of celestial sound making.

RODRIGO AMARANTE

SUNDAY AUGUST 6

JAMES IRVINE JAPANESE GARDEN

6:00PM DOORS, 7:00PM SHOW

Songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Rodrigo Amarante shares a solo set on a Sunday evening. With his wistful melodies and enchanting sound, this is the perfect soundtrack to a summer night in the garden.

JAMES IRVINE JAPANESE GARDEN

244 S. San Pedro St.

Los Angeles, CA 90012

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

Saturday, July 22, 2017

2:00 PM

Partnerships & Collaborations

How to Find Your Japanese Immigrant Ancestors

Learn how to conduct research using the federal immigration and naturalization records maintained by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Led by Marisa Louie Lee, former archivist at the National Archives at San Francisco and an avid researcher and genealogist who specializes in federal records.

Free with museum admission. RSVPs are recommended

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue, Los Angeles California 90012

phone: (213) 625-0414

<http://www.janm.org/events/2017/07/>

2017 WLA Obon will be held on July 29 & 30.

4-9PM

2003 Corinth Avenue West Los Angeles, CA 90025

<http://westlosangelesbuddhisttemple.org/activities/obonfestival>

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>

May 30 - June 25, 2017 Hold These Truths

Seventy-five years ago, an executive order called for American citizens to be ripped from their homes and forced into internment camps, detained solely based on their heritage and ancestry. Amid the chaos, one young student stands up for what he passionately believes is right in the face of a country deeply divided between national security and freedom for all. Based on the true story of Gordon Hirabayashi, *Hold These Truths* is a shockingly relevant cautionary tale of the injustices perpetrated when nationalism, fear and hysteria collide.

Tickets On Sale April 3!

Pasadena Playhouse

39 S. El Molino Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101 [map](#) (626) 356-7529

<http://www.pasadenaplayhouse.org/htt>

March 12 - August 20, 2017

[New Frontiers: The Many Worlds of George Takei](#)

New Frontiers: The Many Worlds of George Takei explores the life and career of pioneering actor, activist, and social media icon George Takei. By examining Takei's diverse experiences and achievements, this entertaining and interactive exhibition creates a portrait of a unique individual while offering an innovative means of engaging with the social history of America.

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February 18 - August 13, 2017

Instructions to All Persons: Reflections on Executive Order 9066

On February 19, 1942, President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which paved the way for the forced removal and incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans from the West Coast following Japan's bombing of Pearl Harbor. To commemorate the 75th anniversary of this historic miscarriage of justice, the Japanese American National Museum presents *Instructions to All Persons: Reflections on Executive Order 9066*, an educational and interactive exhibition designed to engage visitors in critical discussions of the Japanese America

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June 27- ? 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 24-25 San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Obon

Saturday: 4:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Sunday: 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm

San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, 12953 Branford Street, Pacoima, CA 91331

Parking is available on the surrounding streets

<http://www.sfvhbt.org/obon/>

June 24 - 25 Long Beach Annual Japanese Festival

[**Long Beach Japanese Cultural Center \(LBJCC\)**](#)

Sat: 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Sun: 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

1766 Seabright Avenue

Long Beach, CA 90813

<http://www.lbjcc.org/>

June 24, 2017 West Covina Buddhist Temple's 2017 Obon Festival is scheduled for **Saturday**. The festival lasts all day, starting from **1 pm** and lasting until **9:00 pm**. Please join us for a day full of Japanese culture, cuisine and of course, the exciting and spiritually meaningful Bon Odori Dancing. See our [map](#) for directions. For more information, please contact wcbt.livingdharma@gmail.com or (626) 689-1040. <https://livingdharma.org/index.php/obon-festival/>

June 24-25 The Venice Japanese Community Center (VJCC) hosts its annual Natsu Matsuri in June with all kinds of food (beef & chicken teriyaki, tamales, hot dogs, shave ice, dangos, etc.), games, exhibits, demonstrations, a general store, and plant sale. Order food and eat inside while watching live taiko performances and demonstrations.
Saturday: 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Sunday: 11:00 pm - 8:00 pm
12448 Braddock Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90066
<http://vjcc.com/>

June 24th & 25th The Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute (GVJCI) will host its annual Matsuri. Food booths - andagi, chicken teriyaki, teri burgers, yakisoba, imagawayaki, bahn mi & terimayo Japanese dogs, lau lau, amongst other delious dishes will be offered. New to this year is our Beer Garden. Games for all ages, Bingo, plant sale, and demonstrations will keep you entertained! Once again, Ondo will be offered on Saturday from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Come join in on the FUN!
12:00 pm - 9:00 pm
1964 W. 162nd Street
Gardena, CA 90247
<http://www.jci-gardena.org/>
Email: info@jci-gardena.org
Phone: (310) 324-6611

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

Sun Valley Obon

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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

Articles from the LA Times:

MOVIES June 20

American and Vietnamese cyclists find common ground in moving documentary 'Blood Road'

Kimber Myers

Produced by Red Bull Media House, "Blood Road" goes far beyond the extreme sports film one might expect. Instead, the documentary is a triumph, more about emotional states than grueling physical challenges. It explores the budding friendship between two women whose fathers fought on opposing sides...

EDITORIAL June 20

It's not the government's job to say if 'Slants' is too offensive. Or 'Redskins'

The Times Editorial Board

NATION June 19

A shopping trip leads to a scuffle between North Koreans and Homeland Security officials in New York

Barbara Demick

ESSENTIAL WASHINGTON June 19

Supreme Court rules rock band the Slants may trademark its name, striking down law banning offensive terms

David Savage

NATION June 19

Religious, indigenous leaders demand rainforests be saved

MATTI HUUHTANEN

FASHION June 19

Designer Phillip Lim talks about his new L.A. store, left coast 'contamination' and his first foray into film

Adam Tschorn

Phillip Lim opens up about pre-show jitters, fashion as a spectator sport and how his new store is a return to his roots.

NATION June 19

Young American women are poorer than their moms and grandmas, and more likely to commit suicide

Ann M. Simmons

NEWS June 18

Minaret Academy Girl Scouts host their first iftar for refugee families in Orange County

Caitlin Yoshiko Kandil

HOT PROPERTY June 16

Neighborhood Spotlight: Alhambra quietly shows off its assets

Scott Garner

L.A. NOW June 19

Demand for UC immigrant student legal services soars as Trump policies sow uncertainty

Teresa Watanabe

MOVIES June 15

Experimental 1969 Japanese film 'Funeral Parade of Roses' provokes and entrances

Gary Goldstein

TELEVISION June 19

'The Story of China' is a six-part series that, like the country's history, has its ups and downs

Lorraine Ali

SCIENCE NOW June 15

Chinese satellite breaks a quantum physics record, beams entangled photons from space to Earth

Deborah Netburn

For the first time, pairs of entangled photons have been beamed from a satellite in orbit to two receiving stations almost 1,500 miles away on Earth.