

September 5, 2018 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 2000-2017 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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Long range calendar items:

Los Angeles Public Library: <http://www.lapl.org>

Japanese American National Museum events:

Friday, September 14, 2018

7:30 PM

Partnerships & Collaborations

ZOCALO—Can U.S. Democracy Survive Russian Information Warfare?

A Zócalo/Japanese American National Museum Event at JANM's National Center for the Preservation of Democracy

Moderated by Warren Olney, Host, KCRW's "To the Point"

In the Tateuchi Democracy Forum

RSVP

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Opening Day: *Kaiju vs Heroes: Mark Nagata's Journey through the World of Japanese Toys*

*Kaiju* translates to "strange creature" in English but has come to mean "giant monster" referring to the creatures like Godzilla and Mothra that inhabited the postwar movie and television screens of Japan. The advent of these monsters brought about the creation of characters to combat them—hence the emergence of pop-culture heroes like Ultraman and Kamen Rider.

Immerse yourself in a colorful universe of vintage and contemporary *kaiju* and hero toys from Mark Nagata, a toy designer and fervent toy collector.

In conjunction with the exhibition [Kaiju vs Heroes: Mark Nagata's Journey through the World of Japanese Toys](#)

Saturday, September 15, 2018

2:00 PM

Art, Culture & Identity

*Kaiju vs Heroes* Opening Day Panel and Signing

In conjunction with the opening of *Kaiju vs. Heroes*, toy designer and collector Mark Nagata and Marusan toy company President Eiji Kaminaga will participate in a discussion about *kaiju* toy history, the world of Japanese toy collecting, and their companies' histories (Nagata is the founder of Max Toy Company). The Marusan toy company created some of the first vinyl *kaiju* and hero toys of the 1960s and these toys make up a significant part of Nagata's collection.

The conversation will be moderated by Brad Warner, who worked for 15 years at Tsuburaya Productions, the makers of the *Ultraman* television shows. Warner is now an author and teacher of Zen Buddhism.

Following the discussion, Mark Nagata will sign copies of *Toy Karma*, an accompanying book by and about Nagata, as well as a 13" x 19" print (10" x 17" image size) featuring a *kaiju* and hero image by toy photographer Brian McCarty, who will also be signing the print. The book is \$24.95 and the print is \$50. Both can be purchased the day of the event.

Included with museum admission. RSVPs are recommended

Saturday, September 29, 2018

1:00 PM

Partnerships & Collaborations

From Japan to Mexico: A Nikkei Story from Veracruz

Julio Mizzumi Guerrero Kojima and Belen Torres Morales are descendants of immigrants who left Japan to work in the sugar plantations in Veracruz, Mexico, in the early 1900s. They are musicians with expertise in the Fandango, a tradition specific to Veracruz that is rooted in community convening and participation. They also are part of an environmental/community gardening project in Veracruz called Jardin Kojima. They will share their expertise in Fandango as well as talk about their environmental project.

Included 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/>

Don't Believe the Hype: LA Asian Americans in Hip Hop

Opens May 18, 2018

***Don't Believe the Hype: LA Asian Americans in Hip Hop*** looks at hip hop in the greater Los Angeles region as a site of resistance, refuge, and reinvention for today's Asian American communities.

<http://camla.org/upcoming-exhibits/>

**April 28–October 21, 2018 | 2018年4月28日～10月21日**

Little Tokyo transforms into an outdoor art exhibition with 11 artworks displayed on windows across our historic, 134-year-old Japanese American neighborhood.

<http://sustainablelittletokyo.org/pages/windows>

October 2018 Chinatown Los Angeles Mid-Autumn Moon Festival 2018

**STUDIO GHIBLI FEST**

My Neighbor Totoro September 30, October 1, 3

Spirited Away October 28, 29, 30

Castle in the Sky November 18, 19, 20

7PM, check your local theaters

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This weekend (give or take a little)

Saturday, September 8, 2018

2:00 PM

Art, Culture & Identity

Hapa Writers in Conversation

In conjunction with JANM's *hapa.me* exhibition, creator and photographer Kip Fulbeck will moderate a conversation with hapa writers covering topics including Asian American identity, drawing from personal stories, and how cultural education influences their storytelling.

The panel will include *New York Times* bestselling author Jamie Ford (*Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet, Love and Other Consolation Prizes*) and award-winning playwright, essayist, poet, author, editor, and screenwriter Velina Hasu Houston.

[hapa.me catalog](#) signing to follow.

Included with [museum admission](#). RSVPs are recommended

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phone: (213) 625-0414

<http://www.janm.org/events/2018/09/>

NOT AN OSTRICH: AND OTHER IMAGES FROM AMERICA'S LIBRARY[Library of Congress]

Experience vivid portrayals of America across time

APR 21, 2018 - SEP 09, 2018

Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun:

11AM – 6PM

Thurs: 11AM – 5PM

Mon – Tue: Closed

Free Admission

Annenberg Space for Photography

2000 Avenue of the Stars

Los Angeles, CA 90067

<https://www.annenbergphotospace.org/exhibits/not-an-ostrich/>

Bamboo

May 27 - September 9, 2018

*Bamboo* explores the evolution of Japanese bamboo basketry from a purely functional art form into complicated, distinctly Japanese sculptural forms of variable scale.

Craft and Folk Art Museum

5814 Wilshire Boulevard

Los Angeles, CA 90036

Tel 323.937.4230

[www.cafam.org](http://www.cafam.org)

[info@cafam.org](mailto:info@cafam.org)

July 28 - September 11, 2018 -- Do The Right Thing: Comfort Women Resist

Glendale Library, Arts and Culture and Korean-Glendale Sister City Association present

Do the Right Thing: Comfort Women Resist

An exhibit exploring WWII Asian Comfort Women narratives of survival and resistance to denial.

- Opening Reception: Saturday, July 28, 5:00 p.m.
- Contemporary artists explore narratives of survival of WWII Asian sex slaves and resistance to the denial of their histories.

ReflectSpace Gallery

Glendale Downtown Central Library

22 E. Harvard St., Glendale, CA 91205

818-548-2021      FAX 818-548-7225

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. (Children's Room closes at 8:00 p.m.)

Friday, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<https://www.glendaleca.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/38278/125>

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Where I went the past week:

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Craft and Folk Art Museum

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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/>

<http://camla.org/events/calendar.htm>

Historic Trails, Modern Tales

New sites were added to our historic trails. Visit [trails.camla.org](http://trails.camla.org) for a self-guided tour of Chinatown. Use your mobile device along the path and explore the histories of the community.

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](http://fullertonarboretum.org/museum_nikkei.php)

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Articles from the LA Times:

Statements about the Holocaust and immigrants trip up John Cox's campaign for California governor

By [PHIL WILLON](#)

SEP 06, 2018 | 12:05 AM

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<http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-john-cox-california-governor-candidate-gaffes-20180906-story.html>

Trump seeks changes in landmark agreement limiting how long migrant children can be detained

By VICTORIA KIM

SEP 06, 2018 | 4:30 PM

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-flores-agreement-trump-immigration-20180906-story.html>

Vietnamese Americans hail McCain as 'our hero,' thanking him for his service to the refugee community

By ANH DO

SEP 02, 2018 | 7:00 AM

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-viet-mccain-20180830-story.html>

New Nike ad features Colin Kaepernick, Shaquem Griffin

By

SEP 05, 2018 | 2:04 PM

<http://www.latimes.com/103471660-132.html>

Homeless people at almost every L.A. landmark illustrates the depth of the problem

By LUIS SINCO

AUG 31, 2018 | 5:00 AM

<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-homeless-landmarks-20180902-htmlstory.html>