

January 9, 2024

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 2000-2023 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 and resources:

"Elegance and Emotion: The Unique Dolls of Kimiko Muraoka Koyanagi"  
Saturday January 13 to Sunday May 5, 2024  
The Shumei Hall Gallery, 2430 East Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107  
[info@shumeiarts.org](mailto:info@shumeiarts.org) (626) 584-8841  
<https://www.culturalnews.com/?p=39163>

ONLINE LECTURE SERIES 3  
NINGYO: THE BEAUTY AND ARTISTRY OF  
JAPANESE DOLLS  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024  
7:00PM-7:40PM (PT)  
THIS PROGRAM WILL BE HELD ONLINE, ADMISSION IS FREE,  
[RSVP REQUIRED](#) at  
[Japan Foundation Los Angeles | \(jflalc.org\)](http://jflalc.org)

High-Definition Kabuki Screening  
Acclaimed Kabuki & Taiko Collaboration  
Tamasaburo Bando x Kodo  
Cinema Kabuki: “Yugen”(幽玄)

What is Cinema Kabuki?

Since 2005, Kabuki production company Shochiku Co. Ltd. has released Cinema Kabuki which offers English speakers the unique opportunity to experience full-scale Kabuki performances by some of Japan's biggest stars in high definition on the big screen with English subtitles. This, however, is no regular film screening; Cinema Kabuki allows the audience to vividly experience the excitement of the live stage through the full use and wide-range capability of high-definition (HD) images and 6-channel sound. Enjoy the authenticity of Kabuki as if you were sitting in the best seat of the Metropolitan Opera House!

Date & Time:

Saturday, January 13 @1:00pm  
(Door Open @12:30pm)

Pre-screening live Taiko performance by TAIKOPROJECT!!

Venue:

JACCC Aratani Theatre  
(244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, CA 90012)

Admission:FREE

\*Registration Preferred at

[Japan Foundation Los Angeles | \(jflalc.org\)](http://jflalc.org)

NOV 18, 2023 - JAN 28, 2024

[The Bias Inside Us](#)

The Bias Inside Us is an exhibition and community engagement project from the Smithsonian that explores the social science, psychology, and consequences of implicit bias

[The Bias Inside Us | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](http://janm.org)

On New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, Japan Hollywood Network ([www.jhollywoodnet.com](http://www.jhollywoodnet.com)) which provides over-the-air television across the Los Angeles and Orange County area on channel 44.1 (KXLA) will air “Music Station Super Live 2023!” at 1pm for free.

From Cultural News

Beyond the Great Wave: Works by Hokusai from the British Museum

OCTOBER 21, 2023 - JANUARY 7, 2024

Special-Ticketed Exhibition

Please note that *Beyond the Great Wave: Works by Hokusai from the British Museum* is a special-ticketed exhibition and includes General Admission ticket access (including *The Power of Photography* and all 8 permanent galleries).

Bowers Museum

2002 North Main Street  
Santa Ana, California 9270

### BOWERS HOURS

Tuesday - Sunday  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Closed on:

Mondays

Fourth of July

Thanksgiving

Christmas

New Year's Day

<https://www.bowers.org/index.php/upcoming-exhibition/beyond-the-great-wave-works-by-hokusai-at-the-british-museum>

Glenn Kaino: Aki's Market is inspired by Akira and Sachiye Shiraishi's small neighborhood market (1957–1970) in East Los Angeles.

June 30, 2023 - January 28, 2024

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90012

[Glenn Kaino: Aki's Market | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](#)

Stanford University providing digital collection of Japanese newspaper overseas from late 19th century to 1950s [From Cultural News]

<https://hojishinbun.hoover.org/>

### **Wakaji Matsumoto—An Artist in Two Worlds: Los Angeles and Hiroshima, 1917–1944**

This online exhibition also features essays by Karen Matsumoto, Wakaji's granddaughter, and Dennis Reed, the curator of the exhibition

[Wakaji Matsumoto | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](#)

### ONGOING

[An American Vocabulary](#)

An American Vocabulary: Words to Action is a collaborative project by visual artist Audrey Chan and rapper Jason Chu. This set of flash cards portrays figures, events, and practices rooted in...

[An American Vocabulary | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](#)

### EXHIBITION

Stories and Voices from L.A. Chinatown

Explore the history of Los Angeles' Chinatown, the first community in North America to be planned and owned by people of Chinese descent.

[Archive Alive: Stories and Voices from L.A. Chinatown \(lapl.org\)](https://www.archive.org/details/stories-and-voices-from-l-a-chinatown-lapl-org)

### Previously:

Exhibitions - 07.25.2023 - 01.07.2024

POKÉMON X KOGEI |

Playful Encounters of Pokémon and Japanese Craft

Dates

07.25.2023 (Tue.) – 01.07.2024 (Sun.)

Hours

Mon. – Fri. | 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Sat. – Sun. | 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Location

JAPAN HOUSE Gallery, Level 2

Fee

Free

<https://www.japanhousela.com/exhibitions/pokemon-x-kogei-playful-encounters-of-pokemon-japanese-craft/>

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### This Weekend and more:

SATURDAY, JAN 13, 2024

11:15 AM - 1:00 PM

[Imagine Little Tokyo Writing Workshop with Susan Ito and Naomi Hirahara](#)

Join award-winning authors Susan Kiyo Ito and Naomi Hirahara for an interactive writing workshop! Participants will learn tips and get advice for writing short stories that they can submit to the eleventh annual [Imagine Little Tokyo short story contest](#).

Participants are also welcome to sign up for a Little Tokyo walking tour with Little Tokyo Historical Society members, preceding the workshop from 10 a.m.–11 a.m. Separate sign ups are required:

[Imagine Little Tokyo Writing Workshop with Susan Ito and Naomi Hirahara | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](#)

Presented by Little Tokyo Historic Society in partnership with [Discover Nikkei](#), the purpose of the Imagine Little Tokyo short story contest is to raise awareness of Little Tokyo through a creative story that takes place in the historic neighborhood. The story must be fictional and

set in a current, past, or future Little Tokyo, Los Angeles. The short story committee will be looking for stories that capture the spirit and sense of Little Tokyo.

[Imagine Little Tokyo Writing Workshop with Susan Ito and Naomi Hirahara | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](#) [Imagine Little Tokyo Writing Workshop with Susan Ito and Naomi Hirahara | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](#)

**Previously:**

SUNDAY, JAN 07, 2024

[2024 Oshogatsu Family Festival—Year of the Dragon](#)

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM PST

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90012

[2024 Oshogatsu Family Festival—Year of the Dragon | Japanese American National Museum \(janm.org\)](#)

Los Angeles Daiku, Pasadena Chorale & Orchestra Present New Year's 2024 Daiku Concert – Beethoven 9

Sun, Jan 7, 2024 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Aratani Theatre

244 South San Pedro St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

Reserve tickets at

[Los Angeles Daiku, Pasadena Chorale & Orchestra Present New Year's 2024 Daiku Concert – Beethoven 9 | JACCC](#)

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**Where I went the past weeks and may have heard of at the last minute**

(and before, since webinars are often still available online):

Made an appearance at the Oshogatsu event at the JANM.

I then took the Metro to Union Station to see the display on the original Chinatown that was located where Union Station now stands.

I then crossed the street to see CAMLA and the last day of the Boba exhibit.

My photos at:

<http://ikemi.info/Graphics2024/JANM2024/index.htm>

## **Previously:**

Attended the Shogatsu celebration at Weller Court in Little Tokyo. My photos at:

[Japanese New Year at Weller Court \(ikemi.info\)](#)

Managed to get the virtual JACCC Kotohajime on my Smartphone.

Streamed the Drive My Car movie.

Finished streaming the Kurara movie about Hokusai's daughter.

Saw the Viewing Stones exhibit at the Huntington Gardens. Most crowded I've ever seen it. They must be catching on.

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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/>

USC Pacifica Asia Museum <https://pacificasiamuseum.usc.edu/>

UCLA Asia Pacific Institute <https://www.international.ucla.edu/asia/>

Cultural News <http://www.culturalnews.com/>

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

Orange County Agricultural and Nikkei Heritage Museum [http://fullertonarboretum.org/museum\\_nikkei.php](http://fullertonarboretum.org/museum_nikkei.php)

[www.golittletokyo.com](http://www.golittletokyo.com)

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Articles from the LA Times and other sources:

Golden Globes ratings are up. But a dull broadcast is bad news for Hollywood's awards season

BY RYAN FAUGHNDERCOMPANY TOWN SENIOR EDITOR

JAN. 9, 2024 7:15 AM PT

[Wide Shot: Golden Globes, 'Oppenheimer' and a 'hot sushi' awards season - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

Killing of woman involved with religious group unsettles Korean Americans in Georgia

BY SUDHIN THANAWALA

ASSOCIATED PRESS

JAN. 9, 2024 3:39 AM PT

[Killing of woman alarms Georgia's Korean Americans - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

## TELEVISION

Family drama and brutal fight scenes get equal footing in 'The Brothers Sun': 'It's a balancing act'

BY STUART MILLER

JAN. 8, 2024 4:26 PM PT

[In 'The Brothers Sun,' family drama and bloody fights get equal footing - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

## BOOKS

Book club: Inside Dean Koontz's new thriller, plus 6 books for Lunar New Year

BY DONNA WARESBOOK CLUB AND LIVE EVENTS EDITOR

JAN. 6, 2024 7 AM PT

[The story behind Dean Koontz's 'Bad Weather Friend' - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

## TELEVISION

Michelle Yeoh elevates Netflix's overstretched martial arts dramedy 'The Brothers Sun'

BY ROBERT LLOYD TELEVISION CRITIC

JAN. 4, 2024 11:56 AM PT

[Review: Michelle Yeoh elevates 'The Brothers Sun' on Netflix - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

## POLITICS

Wealthier Asian American and Latino voters in Orange County may be pivotal in upcoming elections

BY HANNAH FRY STAFF WRITER

JAN. 3, 2024 3 AM PT

[The key swing voting bloc in Orange County isn't white suburbanites, it's middle class Latinos and Asians - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

## TELEVISION

How 'Monarch: Legacy of Monsters' honored Godzilla's Japanese roots

BY TRACY BROWN STAFF WRITER

JAN. 5, 2024 3 AM PT

[How 'Monarch: Legacy of Monsters' honored Godzilla's Japanese roots - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

## DODGERS

Shohei Ohtani murals pop up in L.A. Here's where to see the Japanese star on walls

BY CHUCK SCHILKEN STAFF WRITER

DEC. 21, 2023 9:20 AM PT

[Here's where to see Shohei Ohtani murals in Los Angeles - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

Taiwanese Americans are glued to the 'soap opera' that is the high-stakes presidential election back home

BY JEONG PARK

STAFF WRITER FOLLOW

[Taiwanese Americans glued to 'soap opera' of election back home - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

How two L.A. art exhibitions tweak colonialism's gaze

BY CAROLINA A. MIRANDA COLUMNIST

JAN. 6, 2024 8 AM PT

[Exhibitions inspired by the Andes and European collector's cabinets - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

[Manzanar to Temporarily Close Visitor Center](#)



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[Rafu Shimpo -- Los Angeles Japanese Daily News](#)

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple Damaged by Arson

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[Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple Damaged by Arson - Rafu Shimpo](#)

OBITUARY: Alan Nishio, 78; Beloved Civil Rights and Community Leader

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[OBITUARY: Alan Nishio, 78; Beloved Civil Rights and Community Leader - Rafu Shimpo](#)

Man Charged in Sledgehammer Killing of Woman at El Camino College

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[Man Charged in Sledgehammer Killing of Woman at El Camino College - Rafu Shimpo](#)

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