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**OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA ANNOUNCES  
EVENTS & PROGRAMS FOR JULY & AUGUST 2017**

*The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Reading Celebration Returns August 6*

See Oakland on Two Wheels with OMCA's Summer Bike Tours

*Savor the Summer Season of Friday Nights @ OMCA*

(OAKLAND, CA) June 20, 2017—The **Oakland Museum of California** announces its events and special programs in July and August, including plenty of ways to enjoy the warm summertime weather, such as the **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Reading Celebration on August 6**. Bring the entire family and enjoy activities highlighting this year's theme "Explore, Connect, & Grow!"

In July and August, **explore Oakland's many diverse neighborhoods** on the docent-led **Bike Tours**, including two different routes each month. Each Friday, don't miss the festivities during the **Friday Nights @ OMCA Summer Season**, when the Museum is open an extra hour later with more food trucks, half-price admission to the galleries, garden activities, and more. For more details, visit [museumca.org](http://museumca.org).

**CALENDAR EDITOR PLEASE LIST:**

**FAMILY EVENTS; COMMUNITY EVENTS; ART EVENTS; FOOD EVENTS**

**[Friday Nights @ OMCA Summer Season](#)**

*Every Friday, 5–10 pm*

*July 7, 14, 21, 28*

*August 4, 11, 18, 25*

Enjoy the best block—and biggest—street market in the Bay this summer with OMCA and Off the Grid. Friday Nights @ OMCA is now open an extra hour later, and expands onto Oak Street, adding even more food trucks to help quench your thirst for delicious local cuisine. Savor California beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages around the Koi Pond at the Blue Oak beer garden. Enjoy half-price admission, live music, hands-on activities for kids, a pop-up art market, and extended OMCA Store hours. Bring friends and family for a taste of local music, food, and culture at the Oakland Museum of California every Friday Night!

**[Summer of Love at Friday Nights @ OMCA](#)**

*Every First Friday through August 2017*

*July 7 & August 4, 5–10 pm*

In celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Summer of Love, the Friday Nights @ OMCA summer season will include programs reminiscent of this iconic time, when the San Francisco Bay area was the epicenter for likeminded musicians, artists, and social rebels. Family-friendly programming every first Friday April through August will include acoustic sing-alongs, face painting with Studio One in the Oak Street Plaza, and political poster-making with Candi Farlice.

### [First Sundays @ OMCA](#)

*July 2 & August 6*

*10 am–6 pm*

Celebrate summer at OMCA! Visit the Galleries of California Art, History, and Natural Sciences. Check out major exhibitions *Dorothea Lange: Politics of Seeing* and *Of Dogs and Other People: The Art of Roy De Forest*. Check out the Architecture Tour at 1 pm, and the California Art Tour at 2 pm. Pick up a treat for yourself or a loved one in the OMCA Store. Enjoy a lunch or snack in Blue Oak café. Spend a day with us and find out why TripAdvisor reviewers call OMCA, “a hidden gem.” *Suggested donation: \$5 per person. Your contribution helps us provide access to other visitors in the community.*

### [Tour | Architecture of the Museum](#)

*Sunday, July 2 & Sunday, August 6, 1 pm*

Experience OMCA’s remarkable mid-century modernist landmark building with the guidance of the Museum’s expert members of the Council on Architecture. This tour shares with you just a few of the highlights of the incredible building, from views of Lake Merritt and downtown Oakland from atop a three-tiered roof garden to the serene Koi Pond, and a truly Californian indoor/outdoor design that still delights and attracts visitors today. Designed in 1969 by Kevin Roche, with landscaping by Dan Kiley, the Museum recently completed a major renovation and expansion project overseen by San Francisco-based firm Mark Cavagnero Associates, which honors Roche and Kiley’s original vision of a vibrant urban park and public space. *Free as a part of First Sundays @ OMCA. Meet in front of the Ticketing Desk on Level 2.*

### [Bike Tours | Oakland on Two Wheels](#)

*Sunday, July 16, 10 am*

Explore Oakland’s diverse and rich patchwork of neighborhoods by cycling through them with an experience guide from OMCA. Two tours offered on this date include the **Downtown Tour** and **Fruitvale Tour**. On the Downtown Tour, the group will visit downtown locations that recall important figures from Oakland’s history. Discover architectural gems as you ride along the six flat miles over approximately two hours. The Fruitvale Tour travels from the Museum through the old Clinton neighborhood, crosses over to the Embarcadero, then along the Embarcadero to Fruitvale Avenue, up 35th Avenue to the Peralta House, then back through Jingtletown and along East 12th St. to the Museum. *Free. Meet in front of the Museum’s Oak Street entrance at 10 am. Bring your own bikes, helmets, repair kits, and water. For more information and to make a reservation, call 510-318-8470 or email [docentcenter@museumca.org](mailto:docentcenter@museumca.org).*

## Summer Reading Celebration: Explore, Connect, & Grow!

*Sunday, August 6, 12–4 pm*

Don't miss the 13th annual Summer Reading Celebration at the Oakland Museum of California with the Oakland Public Library. Held in OMCA's lush gardens, activities will highlight this year's theme, "Explore, Connect, & Grow!" Enjoy a magic show by Dan Chan Presents, games, a bounce house, and face painting by Oakland Parks and Recreation. Hear 7-year-old author Sadiya Tyler-Laws read from her newly-published book *Princess Escape* during story time. Say hello to Clifford the Big Red Dog, try your hand at art activities, meet caricature artist Rad Sanza, and so much more. *Suggested donation: \$5 per person. Your contribution helps us provide access to other visitors in the community. Presented in partnership with the Oakland Public Library, City of Oakland Parks and Recreation, and California Historical Society.*

## Bike Tours | Oakland on Two Wheels

*Sunday, August 20, 10 am*

Explore Oakland's diverse and rich patchwork of neighborhoods by cycling through them with an experience guide from OMCA. Two tours offered on this date include the **Downtown Tour** and **Bay Bridge Bike Trail Tour**. On the Downtown Tour, the group will visit downtown locations that recall important figures from Oakland's history. Discover architectural gems as you ride along the six flat miles over approximately two hours. Beginning at the Bay Trail entrance on Shellmound Street in Emeryville, the Bay Bridge Bike Trail tour will delve into the history of the bridge. *Free. For the Downtown Tour, meet in front of the Museum's Oak Street entrance at 10 am. The Bay Bridge Bike Trail tour meetings at the Bay Trail entrance on Shellmound Street. Bring your own bikes, helmets, repair kits, and water. For more information and to make a reservation, call 510-318-8470 or email [docentcenter@museumca.org](mailto:docentcenter@museumca.org).*

## ABOUT FRIDAY NIGHTS @ OMCA

The Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) presents **Friday Nights @ OMCA**, a regular evening series every Friday from 5 to 10 pm, in partnership with **Off the Grid: Lake Merritt @ OMCA**—the **first major food truck market in the East Bay**. Friday Nights @ OMCA features extended Museum hours, in-gallery programming, a beer garden from Blue Oak café, live music, dancing, hands-on family activities, and more. Gallery admission is **half-off for adults, free for ages 18 and under**. Event parking in the Museum garage is \$7. *Presented in partnership with Off the Grid: Lake Merritt @ OMCA. Friday Nights @ OMCA is made possible in part by generous support from Bank of America, the Oakland Museum Women's Board, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and the Koret Foundation. [museumca.org/friday-nights-omca](http://museumca.org/friday-nights-omca)*

## ABOUT OMCA FAMILY

The Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) is committed to being a welcoming and lively place for multi-generational Bay Area families to visit, learn, and engage through **OMCA Family**, with art activities, storytelling, and hands-on, drop-in projects throughout the Museum. OMCA's other family-friendly offerings include free **Family Guides to the Galleries** available at ticketing desks, **free activity Books & Blankets** available for check-out anytime the Museum is open, and three **large annual festivals**: Lunar New Year in February, the Summer Reading

Celebration in August with the Oakland Public Library, and the Days of the Dead Celebration in October. *Free admission for children provided by the Bernard Osher Foundation. The Lunar New Year Community Celebration is made possible in part by generous support from Macy's and the Oakland Museum Women's Board.* [museumca.org/family](http://museumca.org/family)

### **ABOUT THE OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA**

The Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) brings together collections of art, history and natural science under one roof to tell the extraordinary stories of California and its people. OMCA's groundbreaking exhibits tell the many stories that comprise California with many voices, often drawing on first-person accounts by people who have shaped California's cultural heritage. Visitors are invited to actively participate in the Museum as they learn about the natural, artistic and social forces that affect the state and investigate their own role in both its history and its future. With more than 1.9 million objects, OMCA is a leading cultural institution of the Bay Area and a resource for the research and understanding of California's dynamic cultural and environmental heritage.

### **VISITOR INFORMATION**

Museum admission is \$15.95 general; \$10.95 seniors and students with valid ID, \$6.95 youth ages 9 to 17, and **free for children 8 and under** and Members. There is a \$4 charge in addition to general admission pricing for special exhibitions. OMCA offers onsite underground parking, with validation for Museum visitors, and is conveniently located one block from the **Lake Merritt BART** station, on the corner of 10th Street and Oak Street. The accessibility ramp is located at the new 1000 Oak Street main entrance. Regular hours are 11 am to 5 pm, Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 9 pm Fridays. [museumca.org](http://museumca.org)

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