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**OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA ANNOUNCES  
PUBLIC EVENTS & PROGRAMS FOR ALL POWER TO  
THE PEOPLE: BLACK PANTHERS AT 50**

**Programs Include Makers & Tasters: Food Activism at Friday  
Nights @ OMCA, All Power to the People Dialogue Program, and  
Perspectives at OMCA Discussion with Bobby Seale and  
Chinaka Hodge**

*Exhibition Open October 8, 2016 – February 12, 2017 in the Museum's Great Hall*

**(Oakland, CA)** August 31, 2016—The Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) will open its major fall exhibition *All Power to the People: Black Panthers at 50* to coincide with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Party on October 8, 2016. Organized by an award-winning team led by OMCA Senior Curator of Art and Director of Exhibition Strategy **René de Guzman**, *All Power to the People: Black Panthers at 50* will explore the Party's stories of human achievement and struggle to support the needs of the oppressed. The exhibition will delve into **aspects of the Party that are not often told**, such as its **survival programs**, the **presence of women and rank and file members**, its use of **media and art**, and its founding **Ten Point Program** that continues to **inform and inspire contemporary movements of change today**. A schedule of public programs and events has been planned in support of the exhibition and admission is free to Museum ticket-holders unless otherwise noted.

**SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

**Makers & Tasters: Food Activism**

*Friday, October 7, 6–8 pm*

October's Makers & Tasters series will focus on food activism, inspired by the revolutionary free breakfast programs of the Black Panther Party and by new exhibition *All Power to the People: Black Panthers at 50*, featuring Rubicon Bakery, Sprouts Cooking Club, City Slicker Farms, and Acta Non Verba, organizations making a difference in the community through food.

**Black Panther Party 50th Anniversary Commemoration & Conference**

*October 20–23, 2016*

Join former members of the Black Panther Party this October for a conference and celebration marketing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Party's founding. Presented by the Host Committee for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the founding of the Black Panther Party, a historically significant organization that has had profound national and local impacts, the gathering takes place at OMCA and Laney College, both located in Oakland, California, home base of the Party. Review the Black Panther Party legacy and celebrate its historical significance in the black community, and consider the question Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. raised so long ago: "Where do we go from here?" Registration, ticket information, and conference details at [bpp50th.com](http://bpp50th.com).

### **All Power to the People Dialogue Program**

*October 2016 – February 2017*

An innovative new pilot program launching this fall will bring classrooms, businesses, and community organizations in small groups into the exhibition for facilitated dialogues on issues of equity, race, and social justice. The program will be accessible to organizations with fiscal difficulties, with the intention of offering connection, learning, and healing. Dates, details, and fee to be announced.

### **OMCA Family: Poster Making**

*Every Friday in November as part of Friday Nights @ OMCA, 5–8 pm*

Make & Take social justice poster making art activity, inspired by the legacy of the Black Panther Party, and the contemporary issues that are still plaguing our society.

### **Perspectives at OMCA | Two Generations of Black Struggle**

*Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 2 pm*

The day after the new US President is sworn in, the co-founder of the Black Panther Party, Bobby Seale, will share his stories, his reflections, and his strategies of the politics of the revolution, with Oakland's poet, educator, playwright, and screenwriter, Chinaka Hodge. Tickets are \$20 (all ages) and \$18 for Members. Gallery admission purchased separately. Advance tickets will be available.

### **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**

The Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) is at 1000 Oak Street, at 10th Street, in Oakland. Museum admission is \$15.95 general; \$10.95 seniors and students with valid ID, \$6.95 youth ages 9 to 17, and free for Members and children 8 and under. There is a \$4

charge in addition to general admission pricing for special exhibitions. OMCA offers onsite underground parking 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 1000 Oak Street main entrance to the Museum. [museumca.org](http://museumca.org).

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