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**OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA KICKS OFF NEW YEAR
WITH BOTH OUTDOOR AND VIRTUAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS
FOR JANUARY 2022**

Programs Include New January Lunchtime Sessions Performances Starting Saturday, January 15; Extended Museum Hours on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 17; A Special One-Day-Only Program on Sunday, January 23, Black Space & Time: Reflecting on Black World-Building; Plus Virtual Lunar New Year Programming, Starting Monday, January 25

(OAKLAND, CA) January 11, 2021— Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) announces its events and special programs for January 2022. Beginning with a new line-up of performances for OMCA's newest day-time offering, the first **Lunchtime Sessions** of 2022 will be held on **Saturday, January 15** at OMCA's 10th Street Amphitheater. Free every Saturday starting at noon, visitors are invited to enjoy a range of live performances. In the event of rain, the event will be canceled.

On **Monday, January 17**, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, OMCA will be open to the public from 11 am to 5 pm. Visitors are invited to explore the Museum's galleries of California art, history, and natural sciences, as well as special exhibition, *Mothership: Voyage Into Afrofuturism*, on view through February 27, 2022

OMCA invites the community to the Museum on **Sunday, January 23, from 1 - 6 pm** to explore Black imagination and the powerful themes presented in its current exhibition *Mothership: Voyage Into*



Afrofuturism, through a special one-day-only program, **Black Space & Time: Reflecting on Black World Building**. Black Space & Time will showcase films, multimedia, and conversations that explore the themes of space, time, and world building from a Black perspective. Led by community partners and *Mothership* artists, this event will connect visitors with collaborators, and provide an opportunity for visitors to engage and deepen their community connections.

Finally, on **January 25**, OMCA prepares to welcome the Year of the Tiger with a delicious **virtual cooking demonstration** by OMCA staff member, Linda Jia, as part of its 21st Annual Lunar New Year Community Celebration, which will be held both virtually and in-person this year at a limited capacity. Jia will share her recipe for dumplings, a traditional Lunar New Year dish symbolizing wealth and good luck for the upcoming year. The full line-up of events and programs for OMCA's 21st annual Lunar New Year Community Celebration can be found at museumca.org.

As of February 1, 2022, following the Oakland City Council emergency ordinance, OMCA will require proof of vaccination for all onsite activities. This includes access to our galleries and special exhibitions, programs, events in the theater, cafe, and garden. For unvaccinated individuals, a document from a licensed medical professional verifying a medical exemption *and* a recent negative test (within 72 hours) will also be accepted for entry to the Museum.

Adults are required to show proof of vaccination along with their photo ID; children ages 12 and older must show proof of vaccination but are not required to provide an ID. Masks are also required for all visitors and staff, regardless of vaccination status, when not eating or drinking on OMCA's campus. For more information about OMCA's COVID-19 Health & Safety protocols, visit museumca.org/covid-health-safety.

For more details on upcoming programs and events, please visit museumca.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FAMILY EVENTS; MUSIC EVENTS; COMMUNITY EVENTS; ART EVENTS; FOOD EVENTS

Lunchtime Sessions

Every Saturday at noon

10th Street Amphitheater

January 15, 22, 28

Bring your lunch to OMCA's recently-launched program, **Lunchtime Sessions**. Held for free every Saturday starting at noon, visitors are invited to come together and enjoy a range of live performances at OMCA's 10th Street Amphitheater. *Lunchtime Sessions are free and open to the public; tickets and*



reservations are not required. In the event of rain, this event will be canceled. Visit museumca.org/lunchtime-sessions for details.

Museum Open: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 17

11 am – 5 pm

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Black Space & Time: Reflecting on Black World-Building

Sunday, January 23

1 pm – 6 pm

OMCA invites you to further immerse yourself in Black imagination, and the powerful themes presented in *Mothership: Voyage Into Afrofuturism*, through a special one-day-only program, **Black Space & Time: Reflecting on Black World Building**. Black Space & Time will showcase films, multimedia, and conversations that explore the themes of space, time, and world building from a Black perspective. Led by community partners and *Mothership* artists, this event will connect visitors with collaborators, and provide an opportunity to deepen community connections. *Black Space & Time* is free and open to the public; tickets and reservations are not required. Visit museumca.org for details.

21st Annual Lunar New Year Community Celebration Virtual Program: Dumpling Cooking Demonstration

Monday, January 25

Watch via the [OMCA YouTube](#) page

Whet your appetite with an at-home cooking demonstration from OMCA's own Linda Jia as she shares her delicious dumpling recipe. Dumplings are a traditional Lunar New Year dish, symbolizing wealth and good luck for the upcoming year. Free as part of OMCA's 21st Annual Lunar New Year Program Offerings; details available at museumca.org.

ABOUT THE OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA

The Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) tells the many stories that comprise California, creating the space and context for greater connection, trust, and understanding between people. Through its inclusive exhibitions, public programs, educational initiatives, and cultural events, OMCA brings



Californians together and inspires greater understanding about what our state's art, history, and natural surroundings teach us about ourselves and each other. With more than 1.9 million objects, OMCA brings together its multidisciplinary collections of art, history, and natural science with first-person accounts and often untold narratives of California, all within its 110,000 square feet of gallery space and seven-acre campus. The Museum 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 for visitors from the region, the state, and around the world.

VISITOR INFORMATION

The Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) is at 1000 Oak Street, at 10th Street, in Oakland. Museum admission is \$16 general; \$11 seniors and students with valid ID, \$7 youth ages 13 to 17, and free for Members and children 12 and under. There is a \$5 charge in addition to general admission pricing for special exhibitions in the Great Hall. 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. An accessibility ramp is located at the 1000 Oak Street main entrance to the Museum. [museumca.org](https://www.museumca.org)

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