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OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA CELEBRATES THE YEAR OF THE DOG WITH 17TH ANNUAL LUNAR NEW YEAR EVENT

**OMCA Celebrates Asian Traditions During Annual
Family-Friendly Festival on Sunday, February 25, 12–4:30 pm**

Including Live Performances, Hands-On Activities, Food, Music, and More

(OAKLAND, CA) January 18, 2018— The **Oakland Museum of California (OMCA)** rings in the **Year of the Dog** during its **17th annual Lunar New Year Celebration and Other Asian Traditions** on **Sunday, February 25, 2018 from 12 to 4:30 pm**. The event features activities for the entire family, celebrating the many time-honored traditions of diverse cultures represented in California, including **Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Japanese, Tibetan and other Asian cultures** with an array of **arts, crafts, food, demonstrations, live music, dance, martial arts**, and more.

The day's performances and activities include: students from the **Developing Virtue Secondary School** performing traditional **lucky lion and dragon dances**; a **magic show** by illusionist Calvin Kai Ku; **Japanese imperial court music** by Northern California Gagaku Group; **taiko drumming** by Jiten Daiko; a **colorful Philippine folk dance** by American Center of Philippine Arts; a **martial arts demonstration** by Vovinam America; **Chinese yo-yo tricks** by Foothill High School; **modern K-Pop dance** by Korean Performance Group; and more traditional music, dance, and drumming.

Take part in **hands-on activities and cooking demonstrations** throughout the day, including how to **drink Gong Fu tea** and **make Vietnamese spring rolls**, **make Tibetan prayer flags** with Thangka painting master Jamyong Singye, and **create your own Bok Jumoni**, a traditional Korean lucky bag with artist Youngmin Lee. **Play I Ching games** with School of Yimutology, **have your fortune told**, and visit the **Little Explorers Petting Zoo**. To honor the Year of the Dog, the Family Dog Rescue will be on site with adoptable dogs. **Enjoy an Asian-influenced food menu** available in the Museum's Blue Oak café, as well as a selection of **food trucks**.

The Lunar New Year Celebration is presented in collaboration with DEAF Media. **All activities are included with Museum admission.** Visitors are encouraged to use public transportation. Limited flat rate parking will be available during the event for \$7. Full program details can be found at museumca.org/LNY2018.

CALENDAR EDITORS PLEASE LIST:

WHAT: OMCA's 17th annual [Lunar New Year & Other Asian Traditions Celebration](#), a culture-filled family day celebrating the Year of the Dog

WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 25, 12–4:30 pm

WHERE: Oakland Museum of California at 1000 Oak Street in Oakland, CA

COST: Included with regular Museum admission

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. *OMCA Festivals are made possible in part by generous support from the Oakland Museum Women's Board and the Koret Foundation.* 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

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

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