OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA CELEBRATES
THE YEAR OF THE PIG WITH 18TH ANNUAL LUNAR NEW YEAR EVENT

OMCA Honors Asian Traditions During Annual Family-Friendly Festival on Sunday, February 10, 12–4:30 pm

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

(OAKLAND, CA) January 28, 2019—Join the Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) for the 18th annual Lunar New Year celebration, a fortune-filled family-friendly event to welcome in the Year of the Pig. Celebrate with spectacular cultural performances, demonstrations, traditional and contemporary music and dance, and much more. Explore connections between the diverse Asian cultures represented in California, including Chinese, Tibetan, Korean, Vietnamese, Malaysian, Japanese, and more.

Enjoy spectacular lion and dragon dances by the Developing Virtue Secondary School, Chinese acrobatics by local favorite Red Panda Acrobats, and a magic show by Perry Yan the Magician. Hear traditional Vietnamese instruments by Emmy-award winning composer Van-Anh Vanessa Vo and watch our live performances, including a martial arts demonstration by Vovinam America, Japanese taiko by Jiten Daiko, Philippine folk dance by American Center of Philippine Arts, Korean drumming by EGO, and K-pop dance by KPG Cal.

Learn how to drink Gong Fu Cha and make Vietnamese spring rolls. Explore our hands-on activities, make Tibetan prayer flags, learn to create Bok Jumoni, and play I Ching games. Other family-friendly fun includes Lunar New Year stories by Oliver Chin, ASL storytelling, and a petting zoo with farm animals.

The Lunar New Year Celebration is presented in collaboration with Deaf Counseling Advocacy and Referral Agency and Bay Area Asian Deaf Association.

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/LNY2019.

CALENDAR EDITORS PLEASE LIST:
WHAT: OMCA’s 18th annual Lunar New Year & Other Asian Traditions Celebration, a culture-filled family day celebrating the Year of the Pig
WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 10, 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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