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**OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA ANNOUNCES  
PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR MAJOR FALL EXHIBITION  
*NO SPECTATORS: THE ART OF BURNING MAN***

***Experience No Spectators with Late-Night Events, a Burning Man-Themed Block Party, Artist Studio Tours, Conversations with Burning Man Founders, and More***

***Exhibition to run October 12, 2019–February 16, 2020 in OMCA’s Great Hall***

For more programming and event information, visit [museumca.org/events](http://museumca.org/events)

(OAKLAND, CA) August 29, 2019—The public will have several opportunities to experience the spectacular presentation of [\*\*\*No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man\*\*\*](#) with an exciting range of **special programs and events** at the **Oakland Museum of California (OMCA)**. The exhibition will be on view from October 12, 2019 to February 16, 2020, with associated programming running throughout the fall and winter.

**On Friday, November 8**, Burning Man will take over the Museum’s popular Friday Nights at OMCA with a **Burning Man Block Party**, featuring art cars, dancers, DJs, marching bands, and, of course, fire. During the same weekend, various maker studios in Oakland will open their doors for **Beyond Burning Man: Bay Area Open Studios** on **Saturday, November 9** and **Sunday, November 10**, where visitors can go behind the scenes to discover local sites where Burning Man art is created. On three Thursday evenings during the run of the exhibition—**November 14, December 5, and January 9**—**No Spectators After Dark** will invite visitors to experience the incredible large-scale artworks and installations at night, with exclusive after-hours access, food and drinks in the exhibition, art activations by Burning Man artists, and more.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to hear from artists and founders of Burning Man as part of OMCA’s **In Conversation** speaker series, including a discussion on **Saturday, December 7** with Burning Man founders on art, creativity, and building a city in the dust, followed by a powerful conversation on **Saturday, January 11** with creative leaders centered around the Burning Man principle of Radical Inclusion.

Other public events will include free **Playa Pop-Ups** on **Sunday, November 17** and **Sunday, January 19**, including campus-wide activities led by Burning Man volunteers and artists such as the creation of miniature balsa men, explorations in playa-wear worn at Burning Man, and other workshops where visitors can experience Radical Self-expression, one of the principles of Burning Man.

For more details and advance tickets (as applicable), visit [museumca.org](http://museumca.org).

#### **CALENDAR EDITOR PLEASE LIST:**

**FAMILY EVENTS; MUSIC EVENTS; COMMUNITY EVENTS; ART EVENTS; FOOD EVENTS; CULTURAL EVENTS; BURNING MAN EVENTS**

#### **Friday Nights at OMCA: Burning Man Block Party**

*Friday, November 8*

*5–10 pm*

Burning Man meets Friday Nights at OMCA at this spectacular version of Oakland's favorite block party. This extra special edition of Friday Nights features art cars, dancers, DJs, marching bands, and, of course, fire! The special event launches a weekend of Bay Area-wide programming from Burning Man artists throughout Oakland and beyond. Don't miss this super-sized late-night extravaganza in celebration of special exhibition [\*No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man\*](#).

#### **Beyond Burning Man: Bay Area Open Studios**

*Saturday, November 9 and Sunday, November 10*

*10 am–6 pm*

Go behind the scenes on this self-guided adventure to discover local sites where Burning Man art featured on the playa is created. Explore studios in Oakland, meet the artists, and get a glimpse at art in the making. Check [museumca.org](http://museumca.org) for more details on how to plan your own self-led excursion!

#### **No Spectators After Dark**

*Thursday, November 14, December 5, and January 9*

*5–10 pm*

Join us for exclusive late-night access to OMCA's major fall exhibition [\*No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man\*](#), with special appearances by Burning Man artists, food and drink, and much more. Stay up late and marvel at the spectacular artworks from one of the most widely-celebrated cultural events in the world alongside the artists who helped shape it.

Tickets are \$21 in advance and \$25 at the door for general admission, \$16 in advance and \$20 at the door for Members.

#### **Playa Pop-Up**

*Sunday, November 17 and Sunday, January 19*

*12–4 pm*

Experience the creative spirit of Burning Man at OMCA! Enjoy creative artmaking and inspiring projects that you might encounter in Black Rock City during the Burning Man event. This event is free and open to the public.

### **In Conversation: City in the Dust**

*Saturday, December 7*

*2 pm*

As part of special exhibition *No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man*, join several Burning Man founders for an insightful conversation about art, creativity, and building a city in the dust. The founders will discuss where they've been, what they've learned, and what changes are on the horizon for the Burning Man event. Tickets available soon at [museumca.org](http://museumca.org).

### **In Conversation: Radical Inclusion in Oakland and Beyond**

*Saturday, January 11*

*2 pm*

What does it take to create cities and spaces where everyone can feel included and thrive? Join us for a discussion exploring the concept of Radical Inclusion, one of the 10 Principles of Burning Man. Hear from a wide range of creative leaders about the ways we can create a sense of connection and belonging within our own communities and beyond. Tickets available soon at [museumca.org](http://museumca.org).

### **No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man Exhibition Tour**

*Every Sunday, beginning November 3*

*12 pm*

View the spectacular artwork and large-scale installations from one of the most widely-celebrated cultural events in the world with an OMCA Docent as your guide. Explore works by Bay Area artists including jewelry, costumes, mutant vehicles, sculptures, photography, and paintings. Learn about Burning Man's origins, from its counterculture roots in the San Francisco Bay Area to the world-famous desert gathering it is today. Included with Museum admission.

### **ABOUT NO SPECTATORS: THE ART OF BURNING MAN**

*No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man* is organized by the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum. *City of Dust: The Evolution of Burning Man* is organized by the Nevada Museum of Art. The museums especially thanks colleagues from the Burning Man Project, a nonprofit public benefit corporation, for their close collaboration and assistance throughout the preparation of this exhibit and tour. Support for the Oakland presentation of this exhibition is provided by Frances Hellman and Warren Breslau and the Oakland Museum Women's Board. Additional support is provided by Ruth and Roger Wu. Lead support for the exhibition was provided by Intel and Bently Foundation. Support for the exhibition's tour is provided by the C. F. Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia, and the William R. Kenan Jr. Endowment Fund.

### **ABOUT FRIDAY NIGHTS AT OMCA**

The Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) presents *Friday Nights at OMCA*, a weekly evening series every Friday from 5 to 10 pm, in partnership with *Off the Grid: Lake Merritt at OMCA*—the

first major food truck market in the East Bay. Friday Nights at OMCA features extended Museum hours, in-gallery programming, a beer garden from Blue Oak café, live music, dancing, hands-on family activities, and more. Outdoor performances are free and accessible to all, including OMCA's Go Local stage, featuring top Bay Area musicians and performers. Gallery admission is free for Members and ages 8 and under. Event parking in the Museum garage is \$7. *Friday Nights at OMCA* is presented in partnership with *Off the Grid: Lake Merritt at OMCA*. *Friday Nights at 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/fridaynights](http://museumca.org/fridaynights)

### **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 multi-disciplinary collections of art, history, and natural science with the 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 will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2019 as 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 9 to 17, and free for Members and children 8 and under. There is a \$5 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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