

**OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA INVITES FAMILIES  
TO EXPLORE THE MANY FACETS OF CALIFORNIA**

**DISCOVER FUN-FILLED FAMILY PROGRAMS AT OMCA  
THIS FALL AND WINTER**

***Make a Play Date at OMCA!***

(OAKLAND, CA) November 19, 2010—The Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) invites families to discover new facets of the California experience through lively and entertaining programs this fall and winter season. Providing a dynamic, fun-filled multi-generational experience for families who want to learn more about the extraordinary story of California, OMCA family programs provide opportunities to learn about California's spirited multiculturalism through hands-on activities, storytelling, performances, and more.

**FALL—WINTER FAMILY PROGRAM SCHEDULE:**

**Family Explorations!**

OMCA's Family Explorations! is a monthly program for families to creatively explore California's heritage through hands-on science and art activities, story-telling, and performances. All activities are included with Museum admission. Made possible by Chevron.

**Sunday, November 21, 1–4 p.m.**

Tales and Traditions of California Indians. Activities include a basket-weaving demonstration, storytelling, and more.

**Sunday, December 19, 1–4 p.m.**

Creativity from the world of Pixar! Meet Pixar's Matthew Luhn who will discuss the making of *Toy Story 2* and *Toy Story 3*.

**Sunday, January 16, 1–4 p.m.**

The Art of Storytelling: From Martin Luther King Jr. to President Obama.  
Celebrate Black History Month with music, storytelling, and more!

### **Storytelling at the Chevron History Hangout**

Discover OMCA's History Hangout, where budding detectives can play games, search for clues and solve history mysteries. *Special family activities on Saturday November 27, and December 11, from 1 to 3 p.m.*

#### **Sunday, November 28, 1–3 p.m.**

Say Thanks. Fill up on heart-warming stories to lift you through the holiday season.

#### **Sunday, December 12, 1–3 p.m.**

Holiday Tales. Learn about different holiday traditions celebrated in California.

### **LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION**

#### **Sunday, February 13, 12–4:30 p.m.**

Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit with a lion dance, mochi pounding, taiko drumming, and other activities that reflect diverse Asian new year traditions. Watch performances and martial arts demonstrations, enjoy storytelling, hands-on art activities, and more! Treat the whole family and celebrate the Lunar New Year at OMCA! Program presented in conjunction with DEAF Media. Included with Museum admission.

### **FAMILY GALLERY GUIDES**

Families can explore OMCA's newly renovated galleries showcasing the unique story of California through art, history and natural sciences using interactive family activities offered at mobile carts at the Museum.

**Art Cart**—Stop by the Art Cart every weekend from 1 to 4 p.m. and discover fun games and activities that families can do together.

**History Cart**—Explore further the history of California with family activities and engagement.

**Natural Sciences Cart**—Tell us what you think! Visit the Natural Sciences Cart and give us feedback on our current renovation of the Gallery of Natural Sciences.

### **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 1.8 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**

Museum admission is \$12 general; \$9 seniors and students with valid ID, \$6 youth ages 9 to 17, and free for Members and children 8 and under. 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 new 1000 Oak Street main entrance.

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