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OMCA CELEBRATES LUNAR NEW YEAR AND OTHER ASIAN TRADITIONS

*Oakland Museum of California welcomes the Year of the Rabbit
with a fun-filled family day on Sunday, February 13*

*From mochi pounding with **Kagami Kai** to lion dancing—OMCA's
Lunar New Year Celebration honors Asian traditions*

(OAKLAND, CA) February 4, 2011—Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit with a day of Asian New Year traditions at the Oakland Museum of California on Sunday, February 13, from 12 to 4:30 p.m. Featuring activities for the entire family, the 10th annual celebration honors California's diversity and celebrates the many traditions of our Asian community. The event is free with Museum admission.

The day's activities include: mochi pounding with **Kagami Kai**; magic by international champion magician **Chin-Chin**; storytelling with **Oliver Chin** and **Charlie Chin**; **Vietnamese spring roll lessons**, **lion dancing**, and **art-making** activities. Bring the whole family and celebrate the Lunar New Year at OMCA! Included with Museum admission. Presented in collaboration with DEAF Media and the Museum's Asian Pacific Advisory Council. Made possible by Chevron.



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WHAT: OMCA presents the 10th annual Lunar New Year Celebration & Other Asian Traditions, a fun-filled family day celebrating renewal by welcoming the Year of the Rabbit. Free with Museum admission.

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

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

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

The Oakland Museum of California is located at 1000 Oak Street in Oakland. 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. For more information, visit www.museumca.org.

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