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## OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA ANNOUNCES NEW PHONE NUMBER

***Update museum phone number on record to 510-318-8400***

**(OAKLAND, CA) August 12, 2011**—The Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) has a new phone number: 510-318-8400. The toll free number remains unchanged at 800-OAKMUSE or 800-625-2258.

Editor Please List:

- WHAT:** Oakland Museum of California announces new main phone number: 510-318-8400
- WHEN:** New phone number effective Monday, August 15, 2011.
- WHERE:** Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94607  
One block from Lake Merritt BART
- COST:** Admission is \$12 general; \$9 seniors and students with valid ID; \$6 youth, ages 9-17. Free for children 8 and under and OMCA members

**EXHIBITIONS ON VIEW**

**A Walk in the Wild: Continuing John Muir's Journey**

*August 4, 2011–January 22, 2012*

Explore John Muir's life and the ways he continues to influence our relationship with the natural world in this exhibition highlighting the legacy of history's most radical environmentalist. Through interactive, multisensory displays, and digital mash-ups, travel alongside Muir during his exploration behind Yosemite Falls, his trek from Yosemite to Mount Whitney, and the night he spent in a hollow giant Sequoia observing the forest burning around him. Told through the OMCA's collections of art, history, and natural science, as well as interactives and select loans—journals, manuscripts, and original drawings—the exhibition is a tribute to the radical Father of the National Parks.

**Gallery of California Art**

*Ongoing*

The Gallery of California Art showcases more than 800 works from OMCA's collection—one of the largest and most comprehensive holdings of California art in the world. Specific

galleries showcase strengths of the collection, including work by artists such as painter Richard Diebenkorn and documentary photographer Dorothea Lange, as well as presenting major artistic movements—from 19th-century landscapes and Gold Rush-era photography to Arts & Crafts furniture and turn-of-the-century photography and paintings, to contemporary site-specific installations and media art.

### **Gallery of California History**

*Ongoing*

The newly transformed Gallery of California History is based on the theme *Coming to California*—an idea that evokes not only the arrivals and departures of people throughout human history and their interactions with the inhabitants already here, but also the notion of coming to terms with the influence of California on our individual and collective identities. For more than 40 years OMCA's Gallery of California History—which houses the largest, finest, and most comprehensive collection of California cultural material anywhere—has enabled generations of visitors to explore major events and trends that have shaped the state's history.

### **UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS**

#### **Love and Loss: Dias De Los Muertos 2011**

*October 12–December 11, 2011*

OMCA celebrates the 17th annual *Días de los Muertos* exhibition this fall. The special installation, on view in the Gallery of California Art looks beyond traditional icons, to explore the heartfelt tales that *ofrendas* have to tell. Featuring 13 individual artists and three school installations, the exhibition pays special attention to the importance of *ofrendas* and to the intimate sacred spaces that house them. Organized by OMCA Senior Experience Developer Evelyn Oranates and guest curator Patricia Rodríguez, Chicana artist, educator, co-founder of Bay Area art Collective “Mujeres Muralistas.”

#### **1991: Oakland-Berkeley Fire Aftermath, Photographs by Richard Misrach**

*October 15, 2011–February 12, 2012*

In October 1991, immediately following the catastrophic firestorm which struck the Oakland and Berkeley Hills, Richard Misrach ventured into the fire zone with his camera. Amidst the ruins, he recorded intimate details of the devastated area. Out of respect for the victims of the fire—which killed 25 people, injured 150 others, and destroyed 1,520 acres—Misrach's images have remained unexhibited. This fall, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the firestorm, OMCA presents an exhibition in the Gallery of California Art featuring one (8x10 foot), 13 (65x70 inch), and 26 (11x14 inch) photographs documenting this tragic part of the Bay Area's history.

### **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 share the California narrative with many voices, often drawing on first-person accounts by people who have shaped the state'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. 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](http://www.museumca.org).

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