

## **The Story of California. The Story of You.**

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### ***OMCA's Blue Oak Café Offers a Variety of Culinary Experiences Throughout the Month of October***

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**(Oakland, CA)** September 29, 2011—The Oakland Museum of California's (OMCA) **Blue Oak café** presents a variety of special culinary events throughout the month of October. Featuring seasonal fare inspired by the many tastes and flavors of California, Blue Oak café is run by award-winning Chef Robert Dorsey III (formerly of Bay Wolf, Firefly, Kuleto's, and Blackberry Bistro). Presenting fresh, local, sustainable cuisine along with indoor and outdoor dining options, Blue Oak offers a unique and inspired culinary experience for all. For more information visit [museumca.org](http://museumca.org) or call 510-318-8571.

#### **OCTOBER EVENTS**

##### **Lunchtime Live Jazz @ Blue Oak Café**

**Friday, October 21, Noon–2 pm**

Enjoy lunch at OMCA's Blue Oak café amid the sounds of live jazz performed by local artists from 12 to 2 p.m. A great place to treat clients or enjoy a leisurely lunch with friends and family, Blue Oak offers a full dine-in menu as well as convenient "Grab and Go" selections. Relax indoors or take advantage of patio seating with green views in the heart of Oakland.

##### **Shrimp 'n' Grits Brunch @ Blue Oak Café**

**Saturday, October 15, 11 am–4 pm**

From Louisiana to the Carolinas, shrimp 'n' grits is a beloved breakfast dish for everyone from coastal fishermen to everyday families. On three Saturdays in October, Blue Oak café's Chef Robert Dorsey III presents his award-winning shrimp 'n' grits for brunch, served Bay Area style. Prepared with fresh, local ingredients, the outstanding flavors of this Southern favorite won Chef Dorsey's previous restaurant the Blackberry Bistro the "Best of the Bay." Drop-ins welcome; no reservations required.

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**Saturday, October 22, 11 am–4 pm**

**12:45 pm, Chef's discussion on the history of grits**

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### **Community Celebration for Days of the Dead**

**Sunday, October 23, Noon–4:30 pm**

During OMCA's Days of the Dead Community Celebration on Sunday, October 23, Blue Oak café will serve authentic tacos, carnitas, al pastor, pollo asada, and carne asada along with a range of traditional accoutrements, homemade salsas, and crisp tortilla chips. Enjoy cool agua frescas and authentic desserts.

### **Lunchtime Live Jazz @ Blue Oak Café**

**Friday, October 28, Noon–2 pm**

Enjoy lunch at OMCA's Blue Oak café amid the sounds of live jazz performed by local artists from 12 to 2 p.m. A great place to treat clients or enjoy a leisurely lunch with friends and family, Blue Oak offers a full dine-in menu as well as convenient "Grab and Go" selections. Relax indoors or take advantage of patio seating with green views in the heart of Oakland.

### **Fall Harvest Wine-Maker Dinner**

**Friday, October 28, 6:30–9 pm**

**6:30 pm, Cocktail Reception**

**7:30 pm, Four-course dinner with wine pairings**

Enjoy a fall evening at OMCA's Blue Oak café in celebration of the bounty of the harvest. The culinary adventure begins with an exclusive reception and progresses to a special four-course meal with wine pairings. Master winemaker Steve Sterling of Esterlina Estate Vineyard will pair wines with each dish inspired by the local fall harvest. Pre-paid reservations are required. To reserve your space, call 510-318-8571.

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### **ABOUT BLUE OAK CAFÉ**

Blue Oak café, the restaurant of the Oakland Museum of California, features seasonal fare inspired by the many tastes and flavors of California. Under award-winning Chef Robert Dorsey III (formerly of Bay Wolf, Firefly, Kuleto's, and Blackberry Bistro), Blue Oak

offers fresh, local, sustainable cuisine along with indoor and outdoor dining options. Located on level 2 of the Oakland Museum of California at 1000 Oak Street, Museum ticketing is not required for entry. Café hours are 11 am to 4:30 pm, Tuesday through Thursday, and Saturday and Sunday, and 11 am to 8:30 pm on Fridays (through November 4). For more information, call 510-318-8571.

### **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 (OMCA) is at 1000 Oak Street, at 10th Street, in Oakland. OMCA is situated between downtown Oakland and Lake Merritt. 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](http://www.museumca.org).

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