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FAMILY EVENTS, COMMUNITY EVENTS

OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA ANNOUNCES JANUARY/FEBRUARY FAMILY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

OMCA'S Annual Lunar New Year Festivities Celebrate the Year of the Dragon

(OAKLAND, CA) November 17, 2011—The Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) presents the 11th annual **Lunar New Year celebration** on **Sunday, January 29, 2012**, from **12 to 4:30 pm**, a fun-filled festival for the whole family celebrating the Chinese New Year. *Lunar New Year Celebration and Other Asian Traditions: Year of the Dragon* features elements of Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Japanese, Tibetan, and other Asian cultures in a full afternoon of festivities. For more information about OMCA's full offerings of programs, events, and exhibitions, visit museumca.org or call 510-318-8400.

FAMILY EVENTS

OMCA FAMILY: Family Gallery Walk

Sunday, January 8, 1 pm

This 45-minute docent-led family-friendly tour, offered the second Sunday of the month, is the perfect way for children of all ages and their adult companions to explore the Museum together. Included with Museum admission.

OMCA FAMILY: Drop-in Art

Sunday, January 15, 12–3 pm

Stop by from noon to 3 p.m. and join in fun art projects for the whole family. Included with Museum admission.

OMCA FAMILY: Eco-Friendly Family Fun

Sunday, January 22, 2–3 pm

Drop-in art for families with artist Lauren Shahroody. Make your own beard and mustache to wear in the John Muir exhibition! Included with Museum admission.

Lunar New Year Celebration and Other Asian Traditions: Year of the Dragon

Sunday, January 29, 12–4:30 pm

Treat the whole family to a fun, fortune-filled family event to welcome The Year of the Dragon. The celebration gets off to a roaring start with a lion dance. Then participate in Japanese mochi pounding—a crowd favorite. The day is filled with demonstrations of martial arts and Asian cooking; music and dance performances; the Red Panda Acrobats, Dan Chan the Magic Man, Cambodian rapper RJ Sin, and spirit carver Zoshi Takayuki; storytelling by Eth-Noh-Tec; Chinese-opera face painting; a demonstration of making a Tibetan prayer flag (and the chance to make one to take home); a reading and book signing in the OMCA Store by Oliver Chin of his new book *Year of the Dragon*. And a rousing end to the day with a Dragon dance! Included with Museum admission.

OMCA FAMILY: Family Gallery Walk

Sunday, February 12, 1 pm

This 45-minute docent-led family-friendly tour, offered the second Sunday of the month, is the perfect way for children of all ages and their adult companions to explore the Museum together. Included with Museum admission.

OMCA FAMILY: History Alive! Sun Yat-sen and the Three People's Principles

Sunday, February 12, 1:30 pm

Performer Charlie Chin enacts the story of Dr. Sun's life in America before he returned to China as the first provisional President of the Republic of China. Discover the connections between the democratic ideas pursued in America and the aspirations of Chinese in China and in the U.S. Presented in collaboration with the Chinese Historical Society of America. Included with Museum admission.

OMCA FAMILY: Painting with Music

Sunday, February 19, 12 –3 pm

In this special Black History Month workshop, start in the Gallery of California Art to “meet” works by California African American artists. Then visit the Art Studio for a special Black History Month workshop painting to live music to create your own musical masterpiece. Included with Museum admission.

OMCA FAMILY | Storytelling

Sunday, February 26, 12 – 3 pm

Drop in to art and craft stations to listen to stories inspired by the rich multiethnic Bay Area cultures and traditions, and create art with OMCA artists. Included with Museum admission.

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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 museumca.org.

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