

Oakland Museum of California



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OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA ANNOUNCES FALL 2012 FAMILY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

***OMCA Invites Families to Explore California's
Art, Culture, and Natural Sciences***

(OAKLAND, CA) July 27, 2012—This Fall, the Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) presents fun and imaginative programs and activities that inspire all members of the family to discover California's art, culture, and natural sciences together. For more information about OMCA's full offerings of programs, events, and exhibitions, visit museumca.org or call 510-318-8400.

AUGUST

Free First Sunday

Sunday, August 5, 11 am – 5 pm

First Sundays are FREE! OMCA is free all day the first Sunday of every month. Enjoy the new Galleries of California Art and California History. See the special exhibitions *The 1968 Exhibit*, *All of Us or None: Social Justice Posters of the San Francisco Bay Area*, *Modern Cartoonist: The Art of Daniel Clowes*, and *Ken and Melanie Light: Valley of Shadows and Dreams*. Tour the building with members of the Museum's Council on Architecture at 1 pm; take an LGBT tour in the History Gallery, led by a docent at 1; and docent-led tours of the Art Gallery at 2 and the History Gallery at 3. Grab lunch or a snack at Blue Oak.

Summer Reading Celebration: Dream Big—Read!

Sunday, August 5, 12 – 4 pm

Bring the whole family to the Museum Gardens for the annual Summer Reading Celebration with the Oakland Public Library. See amazing performers from Circus Bella. Play cool games with the fun folks from Oakland Parks and Recreation. Enjoy story time, hands-on arts and craft activities, face painting, a scavenger hunt, and more. Children who have completed the SummerReading Program receive a special certificate of achievement. First Sundays are

always FREE!

Summer Nights at OMCA

Friday, August 31, 5 – 9 pm

Summer nights are here, and OMCA's doors are open late to celebrate. Enjoy half-price admission after 5 pm: extended Gallery, Café, and OMCA Store hours, and classic 1968 flicks. Amoeba Music DJs spin '60s hits to heat up the evening! The featured flick is *Once Upon a Time in the West!*

Make your own funky tie-dye. And enjoy some trippy time-travel! The Magic Bus, a bubble-blowing, mobile movie theater ready to transport you back to the San Francisco of the 1960s, will be parked curbside outside OMCA to complete your '60s-inspired evening.

SEPTEMBER

Free First Sunday

Sunday, September 2, 11 am – 5 pm

First Sundays are FREE! OMCA is free all day the first Sunday of every month. Enjoy the new Galleries of California Art and California History, and explore the new exhibition *Ken and Melanie Light: Valley of Shadows and Dreams*. Tour the building with members of the Museum's Council on Architecture at 1 pm; take an LGBT tour in the History Gallery, led by a docent at 1; and docent-led tours of the Art Gallery at 2 and the History Gallery at 3. Grab lunch or a snack at Blue Oak.

OMCA Family: Drop-In Art Workshop

Sunday, September 9, 12 – 3 pm

Drop in for an artistic afternoon of family fun! Create your own work of art inspired by exhibitions on view at OMCA. *Free with Museum admission. Made possible by Chevron.*

Summer Nights: Oakland Rover Launch

Friday, September 28, 5 – 9 pm

Summer nights continue, and OMCA's doors are open late to celebrate. Enjoy half-price admission after 5 pm: extended Gallery, Café, and OMCA Store hours; and classic 1968 flicks. Amoeba Music DJs spin '60s hits to heat up the evening!

What do you customize, hack, remix, tailor, or trick out? The upcoming participatory exhibition *we/customize*, opening on December 22, explores the popular cultural activity of object modification from a Bay Area perspective. Help celebrate the launch of *we/customize* with a launch party for our interactive electric mobile museum, the *Oakland Rover*. The Rover will be out scouring the state to learn more about how Californians customize things in their daily lives. Follow the Rover, and join the conversation at wecustomize.tumblr.com.

Other happenings:

- Watch 1968 flick *The Thomas Crown Affair* on the big screen!

- Take a trip through LGBT history with a docent-led Oakland Pride Tour.
- Meet author Lise Pearlman at a book signing of *Sky's the Limit: People v. Newton, The REAL Trial of the 20th Century?* at the OMCA Store.

OMCA Family: Oakland Pride Celebration!

Sunday, September 30, 12 – 3 pm

Celebrate Oakland Pride Month with a special fun-filled afternoon honoring all families, especially those with adopted, foster, mixed-race, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender loved ones. Feel the rhythm and add your beat to a community drum circle with DRUMM Rhythmic Events. Express your inner artist with hands-on arts and crafts, enjoy live performances, and more.

OCTOBER

Free First Sunday

Sunday, October 7, 11 am – 5 pm

First Sundays are FREE! OMCA is free all day the first Sunday of every month. Enjoy the new Galleries of California Art and California History, and explore the new exhibitions *Ken and Melanie Light: Valley of Shadows and Dreams* and *Playing with Fire: Artists of California Studio Glass Movement*. Tour the building with members of the Museum's Council on Architecture at 1 pm; take an LGBT tour in the History Gallery, led by a docent at 1; and docent-led tours of the Art Gallery at 2 and the History Gallery at 3. Grab lunch or a snack at Blue Oak.

18th ANNUAL

Community Celebration for the Days of the Dead

Sunday, October 21, 12 – 4:30 pm

Museum Gardens, Oak Street Plaza, Gallery of California Art

Join us as the whole Museum comes alive for the 18th annual Community Celebration for the Days of the Dead. Craft activities, food, dance and music groups, and *ceremonia* bring the community together for this healing tradition. Watch demonstrations of traditional Meso-American arts and foods, and buy local Days of the Dead merchandise for your home altar from our *mercado*. Featured performance by Los Cenzontles.

Included with Museum admission, and includes the Community Celebration, Days of the Dead exhibition, OMCA's Galleries of California Art and History, and all OMCA special exhibitions.

Summer Nights FINALE!

Friday, October 26, 5 pm – MIDNIGHT

OMCA celebrates the final Summer Nights program of 2012! Get a jump-start on Halloween with an eclectic evening featuring *Days of the Dead* tours, monster books, home movies, and a cult horror cinema classic.

Happenings include:

- Special tour of *Forgotten Stories, Remarkable Lives: Days of the Dead 2012*. Meet

artists behind the exhibition, and learn what their altars mean to them.

- Home Movie Day: Share your old home movies with an audience of your community—and watch your neighbors' movies as well.
- Calling all zombies and the undead! Get ready for classic cult cinema under the stars—*Night of the Living Dead* is our featured 1968 flick! Break out your most ghoulish garb for a special costume contest.

OMCA Family: Drop-In Art Workshop and Days of the Dead Family Gallery Tour

Sunday, October 28; Sunday, November 18; Sunday, December 9

12 – 3 pm

Drop in for an artistic afternoon of family fun! Craft your own work of art inspired by the exhibition *Forgotten Stories, Remarkable Lives: Days of the Dead 2012*. Take a special docent-led Family Tour of the exhibition at 1 pm. Free with Museum admission. Made possible by Chevron.

NOVEMBER

Free First Sunday

Sunday, November 4, 11 am – 5 pm

First Sundays are FREE! OMCA is free all day the first Sunday of every month. Enjoy the new Galleries of California Art and California History, and explore the exhibitions *Ken and Melanie Light: Valley of Shadows and Dreams*, *Playing with Fire: Artists of California Studio Glass Movement*, and *Forgotten Stories, Remarkable Lives: Days of the Dead 2012*. Tour the building with members of the Museum's Council on Architecture at 1 pm; take an LGBT tour in the History Gallery, led by a docent at 1; and docent-led tours of the Art Gallery at 2 and the History Gallery at 3. Grab lunch or a snack at Blue Oak.

SNEAK PEEK!

Family Science Fun

Sunday, November 11, 11 am – 5 pm

Bring your family and help “test drive” new exhibits in the Gallery of California Natural Sciences before its grand opening in June 2013! Participate in special activities led by representatives from the Friends of Sausal Creek, Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and East Bay Regional Park District. Find out from leading scientists and advisors about how the Gallery of California Natural Sciences fits within the broad context of science education.

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OMCA Family: Drop-In Art Workshop and Days of the Dead Family Gallery Tour

Sunday, November 18

12 – 3 pm

Drop in for an artistic afternoon of family fun! Craft your own work of art inspired by the exhibition *Forgotten Stories, Remarkable Lives: Days of the Dead 2012*. Take a special docent-led Family Tour of the exhibition at 1 pm. Free with Museum admission. Made possible by

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DECEMBER

SNEAK PEEK!

Free First Sundays Does Science

Sunday, December 2, 11 am – 5 pm

Don't miss this special chance to test out new exhibits in the Gallery of California Natural Sciences before its grand unveiling in June 2013! Meet an artist who has created a site-specific installation in partnership with families from the Oakland YMCA. Take part in a conversation about building a greener community with folks from environmental justice organizations and activists. Get a taste of new OMCA programs, and share your feedback. First Sundays are FREE!

OMCA Family: Drop-In Art Workshop and Days of the Dead Family Gallery Tour

Sunday, December 9, 12 – 3 pm

Drop in for an artistic afternoon of family fun! Craft your own work of art inspired by the exhibition *Forgotten Stories, Remarkable Lives: Days of the Dead 2012*. Take a special docent-led Family Tour of the exhibition at 1 pm. Free with Museum admission. Made possible by Chevron.

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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