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Oakland Museum of California

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OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA CELEBRATES OAKLAND PRIDE WITH LGBT HISTORY TOURS

*OMCA Announces Docent-Led Oakland Pride Tours
Highlighting LGBT History, Achievements*

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(OAKLAND, CA) August 27, 2012—In celebration of the third annual Oakland Pride festival, and to honor the contributions of the East Bay's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community, the **Oakland Museum of California** presents **special Oakland Pride History tours** this September. For more information about OMCA's full offerings of programs, events, and exhibitions, visit museumca.org or call 510-318-8400.

Oakland Pride Tour

Sunday, September 2, 1 pm

Celebrate Oakland Pride with LGBT History Docent Tours of the Gallery of California History. Discover historic LGBT artifacts and explore the stories behind California's vibrant, diverse LGBT culture. Take a trip through LGBT history, including the rise of sexual identity questioning in the early 20th century, and the gay liberation movement during San Francisco's Beat and hippie eras. Hear stories from LGBT lives, and share your own experiences and anecdotes! Meet at entrance to History Gallery. First Sundays are always FREE at OMCA!

Oakland Pride Tour

Friday, September 28, 7 pm

Celebrate Oakland Pride with LGBT History Docent Tours of the Gallery of California History. Discover historic LGBT artifacts and explore the stories behind California's vibrant, diverse LGBT culture. Take a trip through LGBT history, including the rise of sexual identity questioning in the early 20th century and the gay liberation movement during San Francisco's Beat and hippie eras. Hear stories from LGBT lives, and share your own experiences and anecdotes! Meet at entrance to History Gallery. Part of OMCA's Summer Nights series, featuring extended evening hours and half-price admission after 5 pm.

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. Join a special tie-dye art workshop. Express your inner artist with hands-on arts and crafts, enjoy live performances, and more. Free with Museum admission.

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. OMCA's transformation continues with the **renovation** of the **Gallery of California Natural Sciences**, which is currently underway and will be completed in **June 2013**.

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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