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Pacific Asia Museum to hold Free Mid-Autumn Moon Festival



August 1, 2012—On October 7th Pacific Asia Museum presents a Mid-Autumn Moon Festival as the grand finale to the 2012 Free Chinese Culture Sundays presented by MetLife Foundation. This day-long event includes performances, crafts and activities, and complimentary refreshments in partnership with the Chinese Culture Development Center. Admission to Pacific Asia Museum is free all day on October 7, and all activities are included.

Ongoing activities will include family-friendly crafts and dress-up photo opportunities. A food truck will have refreshments for sale outside the museum, and inside the courtyard Pacific Asia Museum will give away free mooncakes and other snacks while supplies last. Throughout the afternoon visitors will enjoy a variety of performances, including traditional dance, music, calligraphy and a tea ceremony. The full schedule will be available on the Pacific Asia Museum website closer to the event date.

Pacific Asia Museum's Mid-Autumn Moon Festival is 2012's final Free Chinese Culture Sunday. This new event series highlights the rich traditions of Chinese cultural heritage and will be free and open to the public. Previous Free Chinese Culture Sundays include "Be A Chinese Scholar For A Day" and "A Day With Kung Fu Masters," each drawing hundreds of visitors. These programs, held in the historic Chinese-style building and courtyard of Pacific Asia Museum, give the community an opportunity to explore Chinese art and culture through workshops, performances and presentations and the Pacific Asia Museum galleries completely free of charge. Free Chinese Culture Sundays are made possible by MetLife Foundation.

About Pacific Asia Museum

Pacific Asia Museum is one of the few institutions in the United States dedicated exclusively to the arts and culture of Asia and the Pacific Islands. The museum's mission is to further intercultural understanding through the arts of Asia and the Pacific Islands. Since 1971, Pacific Asia Museum has served a broad audience of students, families, adults, and scholars through its exhibitions and programs.

Pacific Asia Museum is located at 46 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, California 91101. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 6 pm. Admission is \$9 general, \$7 students/seniors, and free for museum members and children under 12. Admission is free every 4th Friday of the month.

For more information visit www.pacificasiamuseum.org or call (626) 449-2742.

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