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Pacific Asia Museum Announces Leadership Change

PASADENA (July 23, 2010) – Pacific Asia Museum announced that Executive Director, Joan Marshall would be stepping down in August to assume the position of Executive Director of the Texas State History Museum in Austin, Texas.

“Joan has transformed the museum over the last seven years,” said Board Chair, Margaret Leong. Under her leadership, the museum achieved accreditation from the American Association of Museums as well as financial stability. Significant upgrades improved the museum’s historic building and infrastructure. In addition, the museum opened its first family education gallery, *Journeys: The Silk Road*, and the new Mosher Gallery of Japanese Art. The museum also presented a number of widely acclaimed exhibitions including *Beyond the Page: Contemporary Art from Pakistan* and *Calligraphiti: Writing in Contemporary Chinese and Latino Art*. Cultural programming and outreach expanded and attendance nearly doubled.

Ms Marshall said, “I have loved working with the staff and Board at Pacific Asia Museum – we have accomplished a great deal together. The museum’s collection, historic building and courtyard garden are real treasures. While many museums are struggling with their identity, Pacific Asia Museum’s identity has always been one of promoting a deeper understanding and a more personal appreciation for other cultures through the arts. This mission remains increasingly relevant today. It’s not easy to say goodbye, but the museum is in good hands and has a bright future ahead.”

The museum has formed a search committee to manage the transition

Pacific Asia Museum is one of only four institutions in the United States dedicated exclusively to the arts and culture of Asia and the Pacific Islands. The museum serves a broad and expanding audience of students, families, adults, and scholars through its education and outreach programs. The museum presents a mix of contemporary and historic exhibitions in its galleries and has a permanent collection of 15,000 objects spanning 4,000 years. Pacific Asia Museum is

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located at 46 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, California, 91101. The Museum is open Wednesday through Sunday 10 am to 6 pm. Admission is \$9 general, \$7 students/seniors, and free for children ages 11 and younger. Admission is free every 4th Friday of the month.