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## October at Pacific Asia Museum

### Events and Programs

All events are free to members and included with admission unless otherwise noted.



**Saturday, October 1, 10:30 a.m.      Silk Road Story Time**

Enjoy stories from Korea with popular local storyteller Sunny Stevenson, plus a story-themed craft, Asian snacks and a balloon. Free for members, or \$10 per family for non-members.



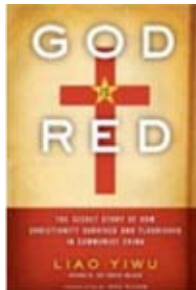
**Saturday, October 1, 2:00 p.m.      Poetry Tour**

Enjoy a fresh perspective on the art of 40 Years of Building the Pacific Asia Museum Collection with original poetry by the talented artists of Poets on Site



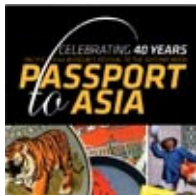
**Friday, October 7, 3:00 p.m.      Art and Coffee**

In this popular new series, curatorial staff introduce and lead a discussion on selected items in 40 Years of Building the Pacific Asia Museum Collection; in this final month they will focus on a traditional Korean incense burner and a contemporary ceramic piece. Stay afterwards to join an informal conversation on the new Korean Arts Council. Coffee and pastries provided by Starbucks.



**Saturday, October 8, 3:00 p.m.      Authors on Asia: Liao Yiwu**

Poet, musician, journalist and dissident Liao Yiwu, a best-selling writer in China, was imprisoned for four years by the Chinese government for his epic poem condemning the massacre at Tiananmen Square. In his two books, *The Corpse Walker: Real Life Stories: China from the Bottom Up* and his new book, *God is Red: The Secret Story of How Christianity Survived and Flourished in Communist China*, Liao documents the intimate, riveting and true stories of ordinary citizens surviving against all odds.



**Saturday, October 15, 6:00 p.m.      Festival of the Autumn Moon**

Join Pacific Asia Museum for its annual gala event, the Festival of the Autumn Moon. This year we celebrate the awe-inspiring diversity of Asia with Passport to Asia: Celebrating 40 Years at the California Club in Downtown Los Angeles. Enjoy an evening of music, dinner, cultural entertainment, and bid on fine art, home and garden decor, and premium travel items at the silent and live auctions.

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**Friday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.**

**Active Cultures Premiere**

Explore the diverse cultures of Asia and the Pacific Islands! Each evening in this dynamic series is different, bringing together two speakers and new intersections of ideas. Check online for speaker updates plus past event photos and overviews. Ticket prices TBA.



**Sunday, October 23, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Free Family Festival**

Enjoy free admission to all the galleries including featured exhibition *Auspicious Beauty: Korean Folk Paintings*, plus performances, hands-on crafts, demonstrations, and fun activities as we celebrate Korean arts and culture! Co-sponsored by the museum's Korean Arts Council.



**Sunday, October 30, 2:00 p.m.**

**Authors on Asia: Lisa See**

The best-selling author of *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* and *Shanghai Girls* continues the story of sisters Pearl and May, and Pearl's strong-willed daughter in *Dreams of Joy*. See will discuss her book and be available for signings following the program. Books available for purchase in the Pacific Asia Museum store.

## **Ongoing Programs**

### **Lunchtime Yoga**

Every Wednesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.

Join Hatha yoga instructor Jill Zepezauer for a lunch-hour class for all levels. \$10 per class, series discounts available.

### **Chinese Brush Painting**

Every Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Class conducted on a six-week rolling enrollment, new students encouraged to observe a free class before signing up. \$120 each six-week series.

### **Tai Chi**

Every Saturday, 8 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.

Learn the art of Tai Chi in the peaceful surroundings of the Pacific Asia Museum courtyard. Beginners always welcome, \$10 per class.

### **Free Fourth Friday**

Every fourth Friday of the month

Pacific Asia Museum welcomes the community to enjoy the galleries and courtyard free of charge all day.

### **Southern California Haiku Study Group**

Every third Saturday, 2-4 p.m.

Devoted to studying and sharing haiku in English, this group meets monthly in the Blue Room. No membership fee, new members always welcome.

### **Highlights of the Collection Tour**

Every Saturday, 1 p.m.

Enjoy a focused look at the museum's collection in this docent-led tour.

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## **Exhibitions**



### ***Auspicious Beauty: Korean Folk Paintings***

October 7, 2011 - March 25, 2012

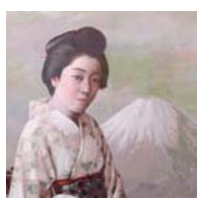
Korean painting during the Joseon dynasty reveals some of the essential values of Korean society and usually illustrates auspicious subjects such as scholars' items, birds and flowers, and mythical animals. *Auspicious Beauty* will illustrate these themes and discuss the patrons who commissioned the works.



### ***40 Years of Building the Pacific Asia Museum Collection***

Through October 9, 2011

In honor of its 40th Anniversary, the museum will share the extraordinary range and quality of its art collection and provide visitors the opportunity to view over 50 of the most important objects in the collection. These works of art span more than 1200 years and represent a large cross-section of art from across Asia and the Pacific region.



### ***Meiji: Japan Rediscovered***

Through February 26, 2012

The Meiji period is one of the most dynamic eras in Japanese political and cultural history, as Japanese artists in all fields rediscovered and re-imagined their own history in response to the "opening" of the country to Europe and America. This exhibition explores the impact of this period on Japanese art.

## **About Pacific Asia Museum**

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'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 education and outreach 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](http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org) or call (626) 449-2742.

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