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Pacific Asia Museum Announces Two Upcoming Exhibitions

November 11, 2012—Pacific Asia Museum announces two upcoming exhibitions: *The Garden in Asia* (on view November 23, 2012 through November 17, 2013) and *The Art of Continuity: Revering our Elders* (on view December 14, 2012 through January 5, 2014). These exhibitions will be held in the Changing Exhibition Galleries, and will feature significant rotations in 2013.

“Because these exhibitions draw deeply from our permanent collection, we’re excited to share many important objects that are not often on view,” said Curator Bridget Bray. “In addition, the thematic nature of these shows allows us to incorporate a cross-cultural perspective, enriching the visitor experience.”

The Garden in Asia features objects from across Asia that demonstrate the role of the garden as a source of inspiration throughout the centuries. The exhibition includes paintings, prints, lacquerware, sculpture and textiles from throughout East and South Asia. The exhibition focuses on the idea of the garden as a creative space, both intellectually and artistically, but also the respite that nature, encapsulated in gardens, offers in daily life. The included artworks allow visitors to experience the impact gardens have made on artists’ literal study of nature as well as its more abstract and emotional qualities. After their visit to this exhibition, visitors are encouraged to spend time in Pacific Asia Museum’s renowned courtyard garden for a complete experience.

The Art of Continuity: Revering our Elders examines the impact of the veneration of ancestors and lineages on the arts of Asia. In cultures informed by Confucian values, worship of family ancestors has generated countless objects for use in prescribed rituals. In other areas of Asia and the Pacific Islands, elders of prior generations are revered for their accumulated wisdom and ability to guide us through life’s transitions. The exhibition includes paintings and sculpture from East Asia and the Pacific Islands, including China, Korea and Papua New Guinea. In addition to enjoying a variety of traditions through this exhibition, visitors can share their own memories of their ancestors, highlighting the richness of Southern California’s cultural diversity.

A variety of programs accompany both exhibitions, including a focus in Pacific Asia Museum’s popular Art and Coffee, Fusion Fridays and Silk Road Storytime series, as well as additional programs. A full calendar of events is available at pacificasiamuseum.org.

About Pacific Asia Museum

Pacific Asia Museum is among 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 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.

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