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Bowers Museum Reopens and Welcomes Visitors to the Long-Awaited Return of Disney Exhibition

Inside the Walt Disney Archives Final Extension Gives Guests Opportunity to
Explore Disney Treasures Through June 20



March 17, 2021 (Santa Ana, California) – After initially closing due to COVID-19 almost a year ago to date, the Bowers Museum is thrilled to, once again, reopen its doors and welcome visitors back. Happily and thanks to the generosity of Bowers’ friends at the Walt Disney Archives, the exhibition ***Inside the Walt Disney Archives: 50 Years of Preserving the Magic*** is now on view **through June 20**, giving visitors the full spring season to experience the long-awaited return of this collection.

In celebration of this highly anticipated reopening, Bowers Museum will offer 20% off purchases* at the Gallery Store 3/17 – 3/21 onsite and online at shop.bowers.org. Additionally new memberships purchased at the Family Level and above will receive a free Walt Disney Archives 50th anniversary tote, while supplies last; details at bowers.org/join.

[Click here](#) for a full list of Bowers’ newly enhanced safety precautions which are currently in effect for [outdoor facility rentals](#), including micro weddings, and will be implemented for all visitors to the museum upon reopening on March 17. With the highest standard of excellence in mind, Bowers precautions include reduced capacity with timed entry, staff and visitor temperature checks, decals for enforced social distancing, masks requirements, additional hand sanitizing stations, increased cleaning schedule, Plexishields at transaction areas, removal of high touch and interactive gallery elements, and more.

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Exhibitions on View

The June extension of *Inside the Walt Disney Archives* marks the third and final extension for this magical exhibition, which has been closed for much of its time at the Bowers due to statewide museum closures during the COVID-19 pandemic. With robust health and safety precautions in place, guests will be invited to step into the Walt Disney Archives as they walk through a 10,000-square-foot traveling exhibit featuring a dazzling display of 465 objects, including 50 pieces original artwork, 15 original screen-worn costumes, 3 cars and other props that tell the story of the Archives, The Walt Disney Company, and Walt Disney himself. [Click here](#) for tickets and more information. #disneyatbowers

Opening March 17 to the public for the first time, *Treasures in Gold & Jade: Masterworks from Taiwan* features works of incredible beauty and complexity by two of Taiwan's premier artists. Twenty-seven carvings by Huang Fu Shou show a surprising range of jade's colors: from emerald green to an almost pearly white. Fish springing from water, insects weightlessly clinging to blades of grass, and stone bending with litheness of fabric each push the boundaries of what is possible with the rigid medium.

[Click here](#) for more information. #goldandjadeatbowers

Also now on view, Bowers Museum looks forward to welcoming visitors to the exhibitions *Miao: Masters of Silver* and *Test of Medal: Charles J. Shaw and the Montford Point Marines*, both of which opened during the pandemic with little or no time for audiences to enjoy them. [Click here](#) for tickets and a full list of current exhibitions.

Admission for the museum will be offered at 25% capacity on a timed-entry basis. Free admission will be given to all healthcare and emergency services workers with valid ID. Discounts to the below pricing apply for seniors, children, students, active military, and Santa Ana residents. Details at [bowers.org/visit](https://www.bowers.org/visit).

- *Inside the Walt Disney Archives* (includes general admission): \$25 weekends, \$23 weekdays
- General admission (all other featured + 6 permanent exhibitions): \$15 weekends, \$13 weekdays

About the Bowers

Take a trip around the globe at the Bowers Museum! Opened in 1936, the Bowers prides itself on showcasing world-class arts and cultures in a warm, inviting space located in the heart of Orange County. Bowers was voted "Best Museum in Orange County" by LA Times and OC Register in 2020 and has organized more than 50 special exhibitions in just the past 15 years in partnership with some of the greatest museums in the world. Recent highlights include blockbusters such as *Terra Cotta Warriors*, *Mummies: Treasures from the British Museum*, *Guo Pei: Couture Beyond*, and *Inside the Walt Disney Archives*.

Over 100,000 square feet and surrounded by lush gardens, the Bowers campus includes a 296 seat auditorium, 12,000 square feet of event space, a Patina-owned Tangata Restaurant, a robust Gallery Store, 8 permanent exhibitions, and spectacular featured exhibits on rotation, to ensure a full day of engaging fun with every visit. Bowers Museum, bringing the world to you.

*Select products excluded and sale may not be applied in combination with other discounts.

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