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Bowers Museum Reopens September 12 with SECOND Disney Exhibit Extension!



September 8, 2020 (Santa Ana, California) – Having received the green light from both State and County officials, the Bowers Museum is thrilled to officially announce its grand reopening on **Saturday, September 12**, made complete with the reopening of the Bowers Gallery Store and Tangata Restaurant. And in response to the overwhelming demand for a second extension, the exhibition *Inside the Walt Disney Archives: 50 Years of Preserving the Magic* will now be on view through February 28, 2021!

With robust health and safety precautions in place, guests are 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. #disneyatbowers

Auspiciously planned for this celebratory weekend is another Bowers Online Exclusive - a virtual lecture featuring **Lynne Drake, Senior Manager, Collections, Walt Disney Archives**. Her presentation 'Inside the 20th Century Fox Collection' takes place **Sunday, September 13 @ 1:30 pm**. Visit [bowers.org/programs](https://www.bowers.org/programs) for tickets and the full schedule of upcoming premiere virtual offerings from the Bowers Museum.



Inside the Walt Disney Archives: 50 Years of Preserving the Magic at Bowers Museum, installation shot 2020.

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About the Walt Disney Archives

For five decades, the Walt Disney Archives has carefully safeguarded the most treasured items from The Walt Disney Company's history, including original scripts, movie props and costumes, Walt Disney's correspondence and script notes, theme park artifacts, merchandise, millions of archival photographs, and many of Walt's personal effects. Founded by Disney Legend Dave Smith in 1970, the Walt Disney Archives is a vital resource for every part of Disney, as well as an important research center for Disney scholars, researchers, and writers. The Archives also shares its countless pieces with Disney fans everywhere through its exhibitions and close association with D23: The Official Disney Fan Club. *Inside the Walt Disney Archives: 50 Years of Preserving the Magic* is curated by the Walt Disney Archives in conjunction with the Bowers Museum.

New Health and Safety Precautions

While the Bowers Museum is excited to welcome back the public, their safety and that of our staff is of the utmost importance. Accordingly, the Bowers Museum Reopening Taskforce has developed the following greatly enhanced health and safety precautions for both our staff and our visitors. Learn more on Bowers' [Health & Safety](https://www.bowers.org/health-safety) page at [bowers.org](https://www.bowers.org).

