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Bowers Museum Hosts a Vibrant Bollywood Bash in Celebration of *Global Threads* with a Spectacular Gala



Center in pink: Nichole Lyon, to her right, husband, William H. Lyon, Chairman of Bowers Museum's Board of Governors, and Bowers Museum President & CEO, Seán O'Harrow.

Santa Ana, CA — On Saturday, March 21, 2026, the Bowers Museum hosted a vibrant Bollywood Bash gala in celebration of *Global Threads: India's Textile Revolution* and its 90th anniversary. Welcoming over 200 guests from the arts, philanthropy, and business communities, the evening brought the exhibition to life through a dynamic cultural experience, with proceeds supporting the Museum's educational programs and initiatives that expand access to arts and cultural learning.

The evening began with a lively cocktail reception, featuring a hosted bar by the Museum's new catering partner, Constellation Culinary Group, and an array of exquisite hors d'oeuvres that set an elegant tone. Guests were welcomed by traditional Indian dance performances by Karmagraphy in the Historic Key Courtyard, while models circulated through the VIP lounge, enhancing the vibrant ambiance. Dancers then led guests into an elegant dinner experience, where they enjoyed a South Asian fusion menu tailored by Chef Ali Loukzada of Constellation Culinary Group alongside authentic street-food flavors by Chef Manindder Tej of Dilliwala Luxury Catering, complemented by ambient music. The evening continued with gallery access, inviting guests to explore the featured exhibition, *Global Threads: India's Textile Revolution*.

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Honorary Co-host Chairs Dr. K.J. Srinivasa, Consul General of India in Los Angeles, and Mrs. Ashwini Srinivasa served as honorary hosts for the gala celebration. William H. Lyon, Chairman of the Bowers Museum Board of Governors; Dr. Seán O’Harrow, Ph.D., President and CEO; and Co-host Madhuri Parson, Cultural Ambassador and Director of Strategy and Creative Vision for Signature Events, warmly welcomed guests and expressed their gratitude for the community’s support of the Museum’s mission to present world-class exhibitions and educational programming.

Highlights of the evening include:

- A 1932 Duesenberg Sports Roadster, once owned by Prince Azam Jah, served as a stunning photo backdrop for guests at the Bollywood Bash.
- Music performances by The Bollywood Violinist & Beyond – Dr. Priyanka Venkatesh accompany by traditional Bollywood dancers from Karmagraphy.
- Gourmet Indian-inspired bites and festive cocktails, featuring a South Asian fusion menu by Chef Ali Loukzada of Constellation Culinary Group and authentic street food flavors by Chef Manindder Tej of Dilliwala Luxury Catering.
- Celebration continued at the Bollywood Bash Afterparty from 9PM-1AM, dancing to global beats by DJ Dhamaka Entertainment.



Bowers Bollywood Bash Co-host, Madhuri Parson, Cultural Ambassador & Director of Strategy and Creative Vision, Signature Events.

The Bowers Museum extended heartfelt thanks to the evening’s generous sponsors, and vendors including:

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Guests gather in the Historic Key Courtyard for an evening celebration at the Bowers Bollywood Bash Gala.

Additional images available upon request.

Global Threads: India's Textile Revolution is a dynamic exhibition presented in partnership with the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto, Canada. On view from December 13, 2025, through April 5, 2026, the exhibition spans over 1,000 years of textile mastery, from palace-sized palampores to 13th-century archaeological fragments and contemporary couture. It brings to life the rich stories, craftsmanship, and global influence of India's textile traditions.

For more information about *Global Threads* and upcoming events at the Bowers Museum, visit www.bowers.org.

About Bowers Museum: Bowers Museum is a nonprofit institution located in the historic heart of Orange County in Santa Ana, California. For 90 years, it has showcased art and artifacts from cultures around the world through nine permanent collection galleries and dynamic rotating exhibitions. As the largest museum in Orange County, Bowers has been voted "Best Museum" by OC Register readers for 32 consecutive years (2025). In partnership with world-class institutions, its renowned exhibitions have included *Terracotta Warriors*; *Mummies: Death and the Afterlife in Ancient Egypt*, *Treasures of the British Museum*; and *Guo Pei: Art of Couture*.

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