It’s very difficult to imagine that by the time you read this, it will have been one full year since we opened our Inside the Walt Disney Archives exhibit with its amazing Gala, only to close the Museum a week later. Who could have imagined back then that life would be so different for the next year! Well, we’re hoping that we’ll be welcoming the public back soon, and that our Inside the Walt Disney Archives exhibit will reopen at least through our extension date of April 24. Likewise, our Gold & Jade exhibit from Taiwan and our Charles Shaw display are both extended into the Summer.

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SUNDAY | MARCH 14
ONLINE (ENCORE SHOWING)

Walt Disney Archives Photo Library Presentation
Please join Cesar Gallegos, Heather Hoffman, Michael Buckhoff and Maggie Evenson from the Walt Disney Archives as they discuss the origins of the 20th Century Fox/Disney Archives photography collection while highlighting iconic and rare images from this historic library.

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SUNDAY | MARCH 21
ONLINE (ENCORE SHOWING)
Inside the 20th Century Fox Collection with Lynne Drake
Presented by Lynne Drake, Senior Manager, Collections, Walt Disney Archives.
Take a closer look inside the collection of 20th Century Fox, now a part of the Walt Disney Archives. See behind the scenes photos, props, and artwork from films such as Cleopatra (1963), the Aliens Franchise, and The Shape of Water (2017).

SUNDAY | APRIL 11
ONLINE (ENCORE SHOWING)
Pillaging Pirates and Grim Grinning Ghosts: The Legacy of X Atencio
After 30 years in animation, Francis Xavier Atencio—better known as X Atencio—became one of the most influential Imagineers of his time, developing dialogue and music for attractions including Adventure Thru Inner Space, Haunted Mansion, and Pirates of the Caribbean. Join his family as they discuss the legacy he left behind.

SUNDAY | APRIL 25
ONLINE (ENCORE SHOWING)
50 Years of the Walt Disney Archives: A Gold Mine of Fun Finds
Panel discussion featuring Ed Ovalle, Matt Moryc, Maggie Evenson, Rick Lorentz, Michael Buckhoff, Kevin Kern and Nicole Carroll
Celebrate 50 years of preserving the magic with the Walt Disney Archives as the department’s team of dedicated archivists swap stories about favorite items from their legendary collection.

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Test of Medal: CHARLES J. SHAW and the MONTFORD POINT MARINES

Celebrate the trailblazing efforts of a local hero.

RELATED PROGRAM

SATURDAY | APRIL 17 | ONLINE (ENCORE SHOWING)

Little Texas: The Soul of Santa Ana with Kevin Cabrera

World War II was a major catalyst of change in Orange County and post war, Santa Ana became the heart and soul of a rapidly growing black community. Join local historian, Kevin Cabrera, as he shares the story of Little Texas, Santa Ana’s black community.

Ticketed Event: Member $5 | General $10 | Ticketholders will receive their link at 11 am the day prior to the event. Official 24-hour access begins at midnight.

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Spirits and Headhunters: 
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First Californians

California Legacies: 
Missions and Ranchos
Musicology, Inspired by Bowers Permanent Collection: 5-Part Lecture Series

Let music be your guide as you gain insight into different cultures and the rich history depicted in Bowers’ permanent collection, with exhibition spotlights including Ceramics of Western Mexico, First Californians, Spirits and Headhunters: Art of the Pacific Islands, California Legacies: Missions and Ranchos, and Ancient Arts of China.

Programs are presented by leading experts with virtual live Q&As at 1:30 PM on designated lecture dates.

Ticketed Event: 5-Part Series package (Learn More):
Member $25 | General $50
Individual lectures: Member $5 | General $10

Ticket holders will receive their program link + Zoom meeting details at 11 am the day prior to the event. Official 24-hour access begins at midnight. Live Q&As at 1:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 24 | ONLINE
Indigenous Music and Instruments of Ancient Mexico with Jim Berenholtz

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 31 | ONLINE
Indigenous Music and Instruments of Native North America with Jim Berenholtz

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 7 | ONLINE
Indigenous Music and Instruments of the South Pacific with Jim Berenholtz

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 14 | ONLINE
(Re)Imagining California Mission Music and Californio/Mexican Musical Life in the Rancho Period and Beyond with Dr. John Koegel

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 21 | ONLINE
Music of Ancient China with Dr. Guangming Li, Professor of Ethnomusicology, UCLA
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ARCE/OC (American Research Center in Egypt, Orange County)

Ticketed Event: Free for Bowers and ARCE Members | General $10 | Ticket holders will receive their link at 11 am the day prior to the event. Official 24-hour access begins at midnight.

**SATURDAY | MARCH 13**
1:30 – 2:30 PM | ONLINE

**A Newly Found Tomb of Intef, Great General of the Army, at Lisht**

Presented by Dr. Gregory Mumford, Associate Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Alabama at Birmingham

In 2018 Princeton University joined the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University to work at the North Abydos concession. This talk will overview the first three seasons’ work, focusing on the areas of new research and site management.

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**SATURDAY | APRIL 10**
1:30 - 3:30 PM | FREE EVENT
STREAMING LIVE ON YOUTUBE

**STUDY DAY: A COLLABORATION BETWEEN ARCE-OC, THE ROBERT AND FRANCES FULLERTON MUSEUM OF ART (RAFFMA) AND BOWERS MUSEUM**

**Redeeming Demons: Coopting Demonic Forces for Good in Ancient Egypt**

**Rita Lucarelli, Ph.D.**
Associate Professor of Egyptology
Near Eastern Studies, UC Berkeley

**Joshua A. Roberson, Ph.D.**
Associate Professor of Art History
Department of Art at the University of Memphis.

**Bryan Kraemer**
Researcher (RAFFMA) and Instructor (Department of History)
California State University, San Bernardino

**Kasia Szpakowska, Ph.D.**
W. Benson Harer Egyptology Scholar in Residence, California State University, San Bernardino (spring 2021)

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**SATURDAY | MARCH 20**
1:30 – 2:30 PM | LIVE ZOOM EVENT

**Subterranean Ghosts: India’s Vanishing Stepwells with Victoria Lautman**

India’s magnificent subterranean stepwells remain largely unknown both within and outside the country. Journalist Victoria Lautman has spent years documenting hundreds of the little-known underground edifices and her landmark book, The Vanishing Stepwells of India, was first published in 2017 (Merrell Publishers, London). Newly released in paperback, the book and Victoria’s lavishly illustrated talk trace the fascinating history, variety, and current state of India’s least-known marvels. Q&A to follow presentation.

Ticketed Event: Member $5 | General $10 | Zoom meeting details will be emailed to participants at least 24 hours prior to the event time.

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BSOC: Bead Society of Orange County
An affiliate council of the Bowers Museum

Ticketed Event: Free for Bowers Members | General $10 | Ticketholders will receive their link at 11 am the day prior to the event. Official 24-hour access begins at midnight.

SATURDAY | MARCH 27 | ONLINE
Drawing on Metal with Deb Karash
In 2018 Princeton University joined the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University to work at the North Abydos concession. This talk will overview the first three seasons’ work, focusing on the areas of new research and site management.

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SATURDAY | APRIL 24 | ONLINE
Jewelry Scale Beaded Mosaic with Corliss Rose
Corliss Rose of creative entity 2-Roses, a Southern California artistic and design studio shared with John Lemieux Rose, will show you how to adorn beads using traditional and contemporary mosaic techniques.

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THURSDAY | APRIL 22 (EARTH DAY) | ONLINE
The Global Warming Problem and Solutions with Craig B. Smith and Bill Fletcher
In non-technical terms, authors Fletcher and Smith discuss the causes of global warming, potential consequences if not controlled, and practical solutions that are already started to be implemented and hold hope for the future.

Smith and Fletcher’s new book, Reaching Net Zero: What It Takes to Solve the Global Climate Crisis, available for purchase in Bowers’ gallery store.

Ticketed Event: Member $5 | General $10 | Ticketholders will receive their link at 11 am the day prior to the event. Official 24-hour access begins at midnight.

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SATURDAY | MARCH 21 | ONLINE

Chinese Brush Painting Workshop with Lorean Weng

This class starts with a brief history of brush painting and brush painting basics. Step-by-step instructions are provided to assist each student in composing the Golden Bamboo.

Ticketed Event: Workshop only: Member $5 | General $10
Workshop + materials: Member $20 | General $30

Materials reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 10 at noon. Pick-up will be from 10 - 11 AM at the North parking lot on Friday, March 19.

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Timeless Melodies
Presented by Larry Maurer, historian of the Timeless Melodies Foundation for Education, Inc.

THURSDAY | MARCH 25
Frank Sinatra Part 1
Larry Maurer, historian of the Timeless Melodies Foundation for Education, Inc, presents the life of Frank Sinatra in this first of two-parts, tracing his rise from Hoboken to Big Band singer, and eventually to MGM movie star.

THURSDAY | APRIL 22
Frank Sinatra Part 2
In the second part of this Sinatra saga, Larry Maurer traces Sinatra's great comeback in the 1950s when he became a top recording artist and movie star.

Ticketed Event: Member $10 | General $15 | Due to limited seating, advanced reservations are strongly encouraged. Please note that this is an outdoor event. Face coverings and social distancing will be enforced. Chairs will be placed 6 feet apart.

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SunSpark Yoga
Presented by Stacey & Ernie Schuerman, co-creators/co-owners of SunSpark Yoga in Old Towne Orange, CA.

DOORS AND GALLERY STORE 5 PM | CLASS 6 - 7 PM
FRIDAY | APRIL 23
Hatha Flow Yoga & Soundscapes
Build strength, balance and stamina in your body and mind during this practice. Discover the balance between flowing movements and stillness accompanied by sounds and vibrations on the singing bowls, gong and drum.

Ticketed Event: Member $10 | General $15 | Due to limited space, advanced reservations are strongly encouraged. Please note that this is an outdoor event. Face coverings and social distancing will be enforced. Please bring your own yoga mat and blanket.

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SUNDAY | APRIL 25

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MARCH 11

String Art
String thread between points in a pattern provided in this kit or create your own original design for a unique work of art.

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Tin Foil “Enameling”
To celebrate our exquisite new exhibit, Treasures in Gold and Jade: Masterworks from Taiwan, design a beautiful flower on gold foil and tempera paint.

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APRIL 8

Sumi-e, Japanese Brush Painting
The practice of using a brush to create single, deliberate strokes traces back to spirituality and Zen Buddhism. Create your own painting using the special brush and ink in your kit.

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APRIL 22

Zen Tangle Mosaic
Making Zentangle mosaics is relaxing and fun. Create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns on paper tiles and assembling them into mosaics.

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Books at Bowers: Touring Through the Pages

THURSDAY, APRIL 15
1 – 2 PM | VIRTUAL

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
10:30 – 11:30 AM | VIRTUAL

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, her American Doctors and the Collision of Two Cultures, by journalist Anne Fadiman

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BOOKS AT BOWERS: TOURING THROUGH THE PAGES

In this meticulously researched account by an acclaimed journalist the encounter between a Hmong refugee family in Merced, California and the western medical doctors treating their daughter for epileptic seizures is described from both perspectives of Western Medicine and Eastern Spirituality.


Free for members. To RSVP, email programs@bowers.org. Space is limited to 25 Bowers members. This meeting will be virtual and take place via Zoom. A confirmation email with directions to access the meeting will be sent to participants.
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• Provide free virtual tours to children from Title 1 Schools
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• Elements of Art: McCloskey Revealed  
• The Art of Spirituality: Finding Your Way in Uncertain Times

APRIL
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• Miao: Masters of Silver  
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• Arts of Ancient China

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