# LEARNING from the SOURCE

The Bowers Museum's Education Department promotes cross-cultural understanding by sharing human stories found within the world's greatest arts and cultures and connecting them to the stories of our visitors and their own current and local communities through exploration of our world class exhibitions, engaging public programming, impactful educational opportunities and access to meaningful community interaction within a safe and architecturally impactful space.

his week I had the pleasure of touring two senior groups through our American Visionary:

John F Kennedy's Life and Times exhibition. It was such a thrilling experience to gather with community and share stories of how JFK and/or his policies have affected each and every one of us as individuals in our own cultural context. That's so much of what we do here at the Bowers Museum. We share stories through artifacts, images and objects from cultures all over the world, celebrating our differences and bonding over our many similarities.

This year we've had the pleasure of telling amazing stories of Antarctic explorations with our Endurance: The Antarctic Legacy of Sir Ernest Shackleton and Frank Hurley exhibition visiting from London, and setting straight the myths and stories surrounding a powerful Chinese Empress through Empress Dowager: Selections from the Summer Palace visiting from Beijing. We also celebrated the life story of an American Icon and President with our American Visionary: John F Kennedy's Life and Times exhibition from the Smithsonian, as well as the many first nations that filled this North American continent with selections from our own collection in First Americans: Tribal Art from North America and

more. Ultimately, over the course of the year we led over 15,000 students and adults on memorable journeys through our 8 permanent galleries.

This summer and fall we look forward to sharing stories of ceremonies and traditions across Africa through the world-premiere of the exhibition African Twilight: Vanishing Rituals and Ceremonies; celebrating Tet in July at Kidseum with Voyage to Vietnam: Celebrating the Tet Festival; going back in time to the era of chivalry and jousting with Knights in Armor visiting us from Florence, Italy; and playing life-size chess just like Harry Potter in Kings, Queens and Castles, a family exhibition created by the World Chess Hall of Fame at Kidseum.

School Tours for July through December, 2018 become available for booking online beginning July 1! Make sure to check out our informational video <a href="here">here</a>, for more detailed information on how to bring the world to your students with a life-changing trip to the Bowers Museum!

See you soon!

### Emily Mahon SENIOR DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

P.S. (Don't forget about our amazing Summer Camps for ages 6 through 11! www.bowers.org/summercamps) BOWERS
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#### PLAN AHEAD!

Online booking begins July 1st! www.bowers.org/education/schooltours



Modern Day Knights
Informational Webinar

September 20 RSVP to tours@bowers.org



#### Teacher's Night Out at the Museum

Wednesday, October 3!
4:30pm-7:30pm
All teachers, school
administrators, and staff can
enjoy time to explore the
Bowers Museum and Kidseum's
current galleries!
The evening includes light
refreshments, cash bar,
appetizers, art projects, and allgallery access!

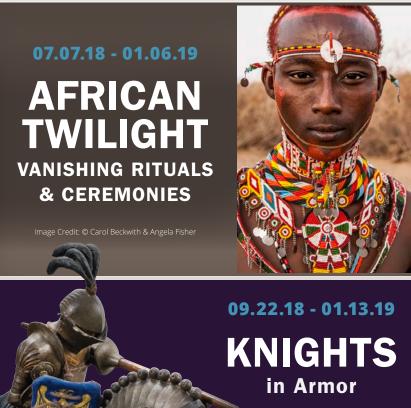
Enjoy exclusive access to Knights in Armor and Kidseum's Kings, Queens and Castles
RSVP at: www.bowers.org/education/teachers or contact tours@bowers.org

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Bringing the World to You

FEATURED EXHIBITIONS







CALIFORNIA

**LEGACIES** 

Missions and

**Ranchos** 

(1768 - 1848)

SACRED

**REALMS** 

Temple Murals

by

Shashi Dhoj Tulachan

From the Gayle and Edward P. Roski Collection



The exhibition was organized by Contemporanea

Progetti in collaboration with the Museo Stibbert, Florence, Italy. This exhibition was brought to you by the

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