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Two Stunning Summer Exhibitions
Open July 2023

Image: Calvin Liang, Setting Sails in Newport Beach, Oil on canvas, 20 x 30 inches.
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UBUHLE WOMEN

Beadwork and the Art of Independence

Jul 1 - Aug 27, 2023

Jul 9 - Sep 10, 2023


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Join today and not only will you receive an opening night invitation and unlimited admission to the entire Museum all summer long, but you’ll also receive exclusive savings across the Gallery Store, lectures, film screenings and more! Membership prices increase September 1. Join today!

Join Now

Image Credit: Rick Humphrey, A Spring Afternoon at Crystal Crag, Oil on canvas, 30 x 40 inches. On view in the California Art Club's 112th Annual Gold Medal Exhibition.

For assistance in joining or to learn more about our membership levels, please contact us at 714.567.3639 | membership@bowers.org
Members' Celebration

FRIDAY | JULY 7 | 6 - 9 PM

Don’t miss this exclusive member celebration of our two newest featured exhibitions, *Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence* and California Art Club’s *112th Annual Gold Medal Exhibition*.

**Curator’s Presentation:**
The Development of a Collective with Beverley Gibson

7PM | NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM

This special preview lecture will look at the history and social economic landscape of South Africa 1998-2023. The economic crisis, exacerbated by an energy crisis, has brought new challenges to being able to work in South Africa. The success of the women of Ubuhle, within the current landscape, needs to be protected.

Space for the Curator’s Preview Presentation is limited, seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. Overflow seating will be available for livestream viewing in John M. Lee Court.

**RSVP to Members Opening Night by June 28**
to membershiprsvp@bowers.org

Learn more and RSVP
Curator’s Lecture with Beverley Gibson

Saturday | July 8 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm
Norma Kershaw Auditorium | Opening Lecture

Transformative Influence: Ubuhle Artists Shaping the Perception of Contemporary Art by African Women

Join us for a captivating lecture by Beverley Gibson, the esteemed curator of Ubuhle Women, who has traveled from South Africa to be at the Bowers’ opening events. Engage in a thought-provoking discussion on the evolution of traditional techniques and their shifting reception in the art world within the last decade. Explore the profound impact of these changes on the relationship between the talented artists of Ubuhle and the world of museums, art collectors, and academic institutions.

Ticketed Onsite Event
Members $10 | General $15
Advanced reservations are encouraged.

Recorded Online Screening
Members $5 | General $10
Online version will be emailed to ticketholders one week after the onsite event.

Bead Workshop with Beverley Gibson

Wednesday | July 12 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm
John M. Lee Court | Workshop

Experience the unique atmosphere as we aim to capture the essence of the Ubuhle artists’ camaraderie, where they gather, bead, and engage in lively conversations, exchanging ideas and stories.

Ticketed Onsite Event
Members $40 | General $50
Space is limited. Advanced reservations required.
Ubuhle Lecture with Mark Bustamante

Saturday | July 22 | 11 am - 12 pm
Norma Kershaw Auditorium | Lecture

Enjoy a special lecture from Bowers Museum’s own Director of Special Exhibition Development, Mark Bustamante, as he shares behind the scenes of Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence.

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

Ticketed Onsite Event
Free for Bowers Members | General $15

Recorded Online Screening
Free for Bowers Members | General $10

Online version will be emailed to ticketholders one week after the onsite event.
CLAY JEWELRY WORKSHOP
WITH ERNA VAN DYK

SUNDAY | JULY 30 | 1:30 - 3 PM | JOHN M. LEE COURT
WORKSHOP*

Mold your own beads out of colorful oven-bake clay to create a unique pair of earrings!

TICKETED ONSITE EVENT
MEMBERS $20 | GENERAL $30

Space is limited. Advanced reservations required.
*Suitable for ages 10 and up with adult supervision.

CLOSING DAY –
KCRW SUMMER NIGHTS

SUNDAY | AUGUST 27 | 7 - 10 PM | KEY COURTYARD
AFTER HOURS

Dance through the closing day of featured exhibition *Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence!* This after-hours event will feature live sets from KCRW DJs, SiIVA and Dan Wilcox, pop-up bars in the museum’s Key Courtyard, kids art activities and extended dining hours at Tangata Restaurant. Bowers is staying open late, so come explore!

ONSITE EVENT: FREE WITH RSVP

Free gallery access for KCRW/Bowers Members and Santa Ana residents with proof of membership/residency. General Admission prices apply to the public.

Get Tickets

RSVP Now
The Art of Appreciating Art
with Jean Stern

**Sunday | July 9 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm**
**Norma Kershaw Auditorium | Opening Day Lecture**

On the opening day for the California Art Club’s *112th Annual Gold Medal Exhibition*, one of the nation’s most anticipated displays of Contemporary-Traditional art, art historian Jean Stern will explain the key elements that art experts and savvy collectors consider as they view representational works. Stern will discuss the basics of composition, form, perspective, color, and drama, using artwork (or works) from California Art Club artists as examples. This lecture is a perfect primer for art enthusiasts interested in educating their eyes on what to consider when looking at art.

**Ticketed Onsite Event**
**Members $10 | General $15**
*Advanced reservations are encouraged.*

**Recorded Online Screening**
**Members $5 | General $10**
*Online version will be emailed to ticketholders one week after the onsite event.*

Get Tickets
Every Saturday morning during the California Art Club’s 112th Annual Gold Medal Exhibition, participating artists will be in the exhibition gallery to provide insight into the works on view and answer questions.

Each weekly event spotlights a different theme:

- **July 15:** Landscapes
- **July 22:** Figurative
- **July 29:** Still Lifes
- **August 5:** Seascapes
- **August 12:** Miniatures
- **August 19:** Sculpture
- **August 26:** Women Artists
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PLEIN AIR LANDSCAPE PAINTING WITH ROBIN HALL

Sun | Jul 16 | 11 am - 12 pm
Huang Sculpture Garden | Workshop*

This workshop focuses on plein air landscape painting – the practice of painting outdoors. California Art Club artist Robin Hall, whose early works focused on the open fields of Orange County, will lead this family-friendly activity.

Ticketed Onsite Event
Members $10 | General $15
Limited Space. Advanced reservations encouraged.*Suitable for ages 6 and older.

SCULPTING TREASURES FROM THE BOWERS WITH CHRISTOPHER SLATOFF

Sun | Jul 23 | 1 - 4 pm
John M. Lee Court | Workshop

Acclaimed sculptor Christopher Slatoff, the Sculpture Chair for the California Art Club, will lead this fun hands-on workshop as participants create their own original works inspired by the three-dimensional artwork on display in John M. Lee Court.

Ticketed Onsite Event
Members $70 | General $80
Limited Space. Advanced reservations required.

SCULPTURE WITH ADAM MATANO

Sun | Aug 20 | 11 am - 12 pm
Huang Sculpture Garden | Workshop*

Participants will sculpt animals. California Art Club artist Adam Matano, who specializes in animal art, will lead this family-friendly activity.

Ticketed Onsite Event
Members $10 | General $15
Limited Space. Advanced reservations encouraged.*Suitable for ages 6 and older.
Tutankhamun’s Secrets After 100 Years

SAT | AUG 19 | 1:30 - 3:30 PM | NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM
DISTINGUISHED LECTURE & BOOK SIGNING

Take part in the centennial celebration of the discovery of Tutankhamun’s tomb with legendary archaeologist Dr. Zahi Hawass. This exclusive presentation will begin with a film about Dr. Hawass’ historic uncovering of the lost golden city near Luxor, considered to be the most important discovery of 2022, which led to the secrets of King Tut’s final days and Egypt's Golden Age.

Dr. Hawass will then lecture about these secrets including what DNA reveals about King Tut’s family, Nefertiti’s tomb, and his search for the mummy of the Egyptian queen. Dr. Hawass will also discuss his work in the Valley of the Kings. Hear about his newest discoveries at the Bowers Museum!

This event is part of the Archaeology of the Biblical Lands Distinguished Lecture Series, which is made possible through a generous bequest by Norma Kershaw (1924-2020).

Purchase the book, Tutankhamun: Treasures of The Golden Pharaoh: the Centennial Celebration in the Gallery Store today!

Ticketed Onsite Event
Members $75 | General $95
Advanced reservations are strongly encouraged.
Talks

Explore Ancient Egypt with ARCE-OC during our ongoing lecture series.

**Invocations for Amun-Re:**
*Textual and Spatial Developments in Persian Egypt*

**Saturday | July 15 | 1:30 - 3:30 PM**
**Norma Kershaw Auditorium | Lecture**

Presented by Hong Yu Chen, an Iranian Studies and Egyptology graduate student at the University of California, Los Angeles

**Get Tickets**

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**(Re)Assessing Some Ramesside Period Statuary**
*A Diachronic Study of Ancient Egyptian Copper Alloy Artifacts*

**Saturday | August 12 | 1:30 - 3:30 PM**
**Norma Kershaw Auditorium | Lecture**

Presented by Kylie Thomsen and Matei Tichindelean, University of California, Los Angeles

**Get Tickets**

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**Ticketed Onsite Events**
Free for Bowers & ARCE Members | General $15

**Recorded Online Screenings**
Free for Bowers & ARCE Members | General $10

*Online version will be emailed to ticketholders one week after the onsite event.*
Timeless Melodies

Take a nostalgic walk down memory lane with music and more presented by Larry Maurer, historian of the Timeless Melodies Foundation for Education, Inc.

Rodgers & Hart

Thursday | July 27 | 1:30 - 3 pm
Norma Kershaw Auditorium | Lecture

Join Larry Maurer for an in-depth look at two of the greatest Broadway songwriters, Richard Rodgers & Larry Hart. Timeless Melodies takes you from the roots of Broadway and their first shows in 1919 to 1943 and the classic songs Manhattan, Blue Moon, The Lady is a Tramp, and many more.

Rodgers & Hammerstein

Thursday | August 24 | 1:30 - 3 pm
Norma Kershaw Auditorium | Lecture

The second course of the two-part series on the music of Richard Rodgers continues with his great lyricist, Oscar Hammerstein. Oklahoma!, Carousel, South Pacific, The King and I, and The Sound of Music say everything about this extraordinary team. Richard Rodgers introduced dance to musical comedy and Oscar Hammerstein’s lyrics tackled a variety of social issues.

Ticketed Onsite Events
Members $10 | General $15
Summer Outdoor Family Film Screenings

Join us under the stars for family-fun film screenings that will take us across the world from Africa to Asia and beyond! Each film screening will pair with a related exhibit and special art project for the entire family to enjoy. Picnics, low folding chairs, and blankets are encouraged!

**Madagascar (2005)**

**SATURDAY | JULY 15 | 6:30 - 9:30 PM***
**KEY COURTYARD | FILM SCREENING**

Travel to Africa with these animal friends who break out of the Central Park Zoo but soon find themselves headed to the wilds of Madagascar! Includes access to featured exhibition *Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence.*

**TICKETED EVENT**

**MEMBERS $20 | GENERAL $30**
**CHILDREN UNDER 12 $10**
**FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 2**

*Film begins at 8 PM or sundown.

**Kung Fu Panda (2008)**

**SATURDAY | AUGUST 12 | 6:30 - 9:30 PM***
**KEY COURTYARD | FILM SCREENING**

Learn about the ancient art of kung fu through a panda named Po and his dream of abandoning noodle-making to become a martial-arts master. Includes access to featured exhibition, *Ancient Arts of China.*

**TICKETED EVENT**

**MEMBERS $20 | GENERAL $30**
**CHILDREN UNDER 12 $10**
**FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 2**

*Film begins at 8 PM or sundown.*
Celebrate with the Bowers Museum during our free family festivals held monthly in the Museum’s beautiful Key Courtyard. Enjoy live performances, art making, face painting and complimentary treats at every festival! Free Family Festivals are made possible with generous support from the Nicholas Endowment. Watch festival highlights livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube @BowersMuseum at 11 am on Sundays following our onsite events, through a generous grant from Capital Group Companies.

**Celebration of Indian Culture**

SUNDAY | JULY 16

Celebrate the beauty of India’s art, music, and dance. A special program of Bollywood video and classical tabla music, presented by Sadubas, will both soothe and excite you. Bring the family to enjoy free face painting, art projects and sampling of traditional Indian sweets.

**American Blues and Jazz Festival**

SUNDAY | AUGUST 6

On a hot summer afternoon listen to the cool jazz and blues vibes of the Steve Johnson Quartet, The Will Trueblood Quartet and Party of Three. The entire family will enjoy free face painting, art projects and all-American chocolate cookies.
Bowers’ Books for Kids: Storytime in the Galleries

Held every last Saturday of the month, Storytime in the Galleries includes free copies of each author’s book for the first 35 to RSVP (during months with guest authors) and free General Admission to the galleries for the first 35 participants to arrive at each event. Reading in the galleries will be followed by a simple, fun art project that kids will love.

**SATURDAY | JULY 29 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM**

**UBUHLE WOMEN: BEADWORK AND THE ART OF INDEPENDENCE EXHIBITION**

Join author, singer, and actor Ashli St. Armant for a reading of her first book *Viva Durant and the Secret of the Silver Buttons*. Viva Durant, New Orleans’ youngest detective, is on a quest to solve a jazzy mystery involving hidden treasure, while exploring the city’s unique culture, history, and music.

**TICKETED EVENT**

**FREE WITH GENERAL ADMISSION**

**SATURDAY | AUGUST 26 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM**

**ANCIENT ARTS OF CHINA EXHIBITION**

Follow Zelda through the Alphabet Zoo as she tries to find an animal that starts with a Z. What animals will she find along the way? Join her as you meet friends and learn fun facts about each animal. We’re going to the zoo, and Zelda is inviting YOU! Reading of the book *Zelda Goes to the Zoo!* by author Krista Seaman.

**TICKETED EVENT**

**FREE WITH GENERAL ADMISSION**
**Workshops**

**Anne’s Treasures Art Workshops**

*2nd & 4th Thursdays*

*Join this very special arts engagement program for seniors and their community.*

**10 AM - 12 PM | John M. Lee Court**

**Ticketed Events: Free for Bowers Members Age 62 & over General $7**

*Questions? E-mail mlopez@bowers.org or call 714.567.3678.*

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### July Workshops

**Painting with Beads**

**Thursday | July 13**

First, take a docent led tour of the *Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence* exhibit, and then make your own beautiful bead painting inspired by their work.

**Get Tickets**

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**Tin Foil Enameling**

**Thursday | July 27**

Design a beautiful flower on gold foil and paint it with special enamel-like tempera paint.

**Get Tickets**
Anne’s Treasures Art Workshops

Join this very special arts engagement program for seniors and their community.

**August Workshops**

**Oil Pastel Still Life**

**Thursday | August 10**

Take a docent led tour of the California Art Club’s 112th Annual Gold Medal Exhibition, and then create an inspired still life with oil pastels. We request that participants bring fruit, vegetables, flowers, or other items to use as subjects in their masterpiece.

Get Tickets

**Paint Party**

**Thursday | August 24**

Bowers art instructor and professional artist Matt Southgate will lead us through the steps of creating our own original painting.

Get Tickets
Arts on the Move
Community Display

JULY 12 - 27 | 10 AM - 4 PM
JOHN M. LEE COURT

Held in partnership with VSA Orange County, experience the transformative power of art in Arts on the Move, a community display on view free of charge July 12 - 17. Arts on the Move showcases artwork by Special Education students from Orange County Schools, alongside talented adult artists with disabilities. Held in conjunction with Disability Pride month, the exhibition also features educational elements such as the Braille Alphabet and the ASL alphabet, fostering a deeper understanding of diverse communication methods. Join us for an inspiring celebration of creativity, diversity, and the limitless potential of the human spirit.

VSA Orange County is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in partnership with the Orange County Department of Education. VSA Orange County’s mission is to provide arts, education, and cultural opportunities by, with, and for people with disabilities, making the arts accessible to people of all abilities. All artwork for this virtual art show was provided with special permission from participating students, their guardians, teachers, and community organizations.
Books at Bowers: Touring Through the Pages

The August Book Club selection is *The Woman Next Door* by Yewande Omotoso. It is her first novel published in the United States and was named one of NPR’s Best Books of the Year in 2017 and the winner of several awards. The novel’s two protagonists are widowed neighbors of twenty years, Hortensia, a Black woman, and Marion, a white woman. The two women have often been verbal sparring partners rather than friendly neighbors. When a repair project leaves Hortensia with a broken leg and Marion in need of temporary housing, the two share a house and attempt to find common ground. Children, marriage, money, race, grief and forgiveness all play a part in the two women’s struggles with understanding one another and reaching a place of true compassion. Ultimately, Omotoso delivers a thought-provoking tale about friendship with plenty of humor and wit. 288 pages.

Following the engaging in-person discussion in the auditorium, knowledgeable docents will guide a tour of the captivating South African exhibit *Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence.*

**Free for Bowers Members.**

RSVP on Bowers.org. Space is limited to 30 Bowers Members per discussion. A confirmation email will be sent to participants. Questions? Email programs@bowers.org.
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Beads, Beads, Beautiful Beads...

Thando Ntobela, Peace

Zondile Zondo, The Garden

Thando Ntobela, Marriage