

BOWERS MUSEUM

PROGRAM GUIDE

MARCH/APRIL 2024



EXPLORE
THE DYNAMIC WORLD OF
ASIAN COMICS AND BEYOND!

Image Credit: Zhang Guangyu, *Journey to the West*, 1945, China.

REMINDER

Members are Invited to Join Us at
6 PM on March 8 for a First Look!

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OPENING MARCH 9!

ASIAN COMICS

EVOLUTION OF AN ART FORM

MARCH 9 - SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

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Image: *Du Gu*, Zao Dao, 2014, character design for *Le souffle du vent dans les pins*. Published by Editions Mosquito, 2016.

The *Asian Comics: Evolution of an Artform* exhibition is curated and organized by the Barbican Centre. The City of London Corporation is the founder and principal funder of the Barbican Centre.

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*Asian Comics: Evolution of an Art Form!***

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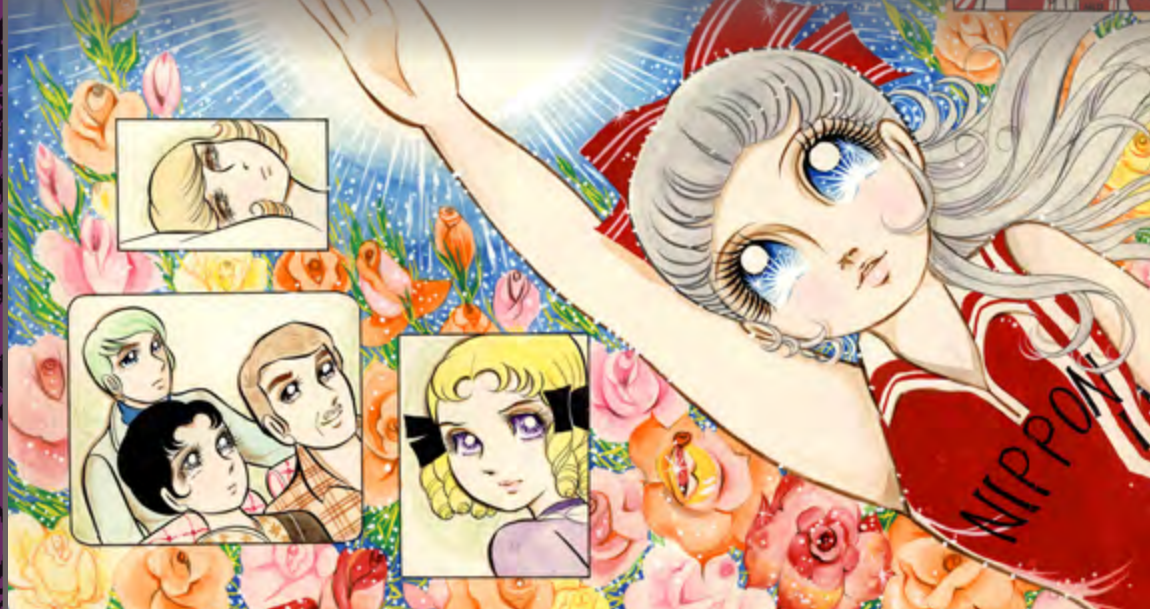
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- Up to a 20% discount in our Gallery Store and restaurant, Tangtata
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OPENING LECTURE



An Introduction to Asian Comics with Curator, Paul Gravett

SUNDAY | MARCH 10 | 1:30 - 2:30 PM
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | OPENING LECTURE

Comics from across Asia are surprisingly diverse and dynamic, with interconnected histories and remarkable cultures. Join Paul Gravett, curator of *Asian Comics: Evolution of an Art Form*, as he presents an illustrated overview of some of the key creators and their characters. He will also explore several unique techniques developed in Asian comics and consider the form's current trends and changes in the digital era.

TICKETED ONSITE EVENT
MEMBERS \$10 | GENERAL \$15

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RECORDED ONLINE SCREENING
MEMBERS \$5 | GENERAL \$10

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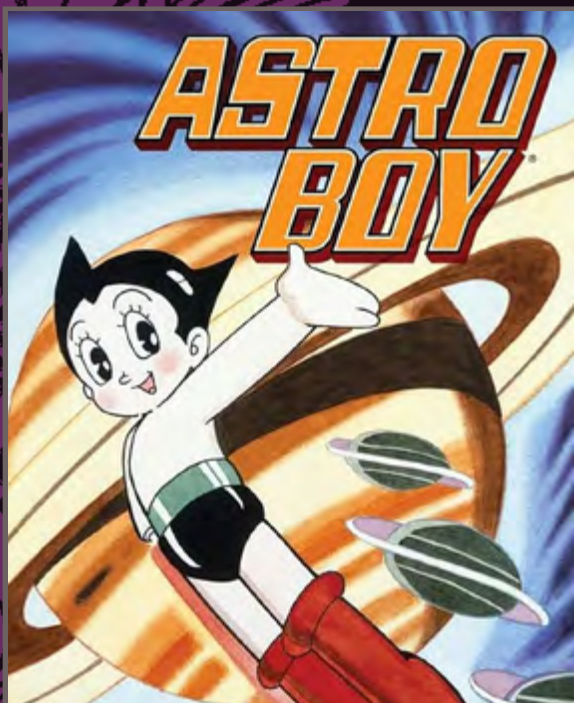
Live Drawing Demo & Signing with Junko Mizuno

SUNDAY | MARCH 17 | 1:30 - 2:30 PM
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | ARTIST DEMO & SIGNING

See the artistic process come to life in this live drawing demonstration and signing event with *Asian Comics* featured artist, Junko Mizuno! Celebrate the power of women with Mizuno and her work during Women's History Month!

TICKETED ONSITE EVENT
MEMBERS \$15 | GENERAL \$20

[**Get Tickets**](#)



Final Fridays: Asian Comics After Hours

**EXTENDED MUSEUM HOURS 4 - 8 PM
TANGATA RESTAURANT 4:30 - 7:30 PM**

Make the Bowers Museum your destination on “final Fridays” of the month, featuring after-hours access to *Asian Comics: Evolution of an Art Form*, anime screenings, and a DJ spinning in the galleries. Attendees will be granted free General Admission for dressing up in cosplay!*

***Astro Boy* (2003)**
MARCH 29 | 6:30 PM

[Get Tickets](#)

See the first three episodes of the beloved Japanese anime television series, *Astro Boy*, based on Osamu Tezuka’s manga series of the same name.

***Metropolis* (2001)**
APRIL 26 | 6 PM

[Get Tickets](#)

Directed by the celebrated Rintaro, written by Katsuhiro Otomo, creator of *Akira*, and inspired by a Japanese manga by Osamu Tezuka published in 1949, *Metropolis* is an acclaimed Japanese anime set in a futuristic, regimented society where human and robots are at odds.

ASIAN COMICS EXHIBIT
MEMBERS/COSPLAY \$10 | ADULTS \$28
SENIORS (AGE 62+) AND STUDENTS (12+) \$25

FILM SCREENINGS
MEMBERS \$10 | GENERAL \$15



The Shared Origins of Modern Comics with Eike Exner

SATURDAY | APRIL 6 | 1:30 - 3 PM
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE & BOOK SIGNING

Presented by Eike Exner, a historian and translator of Japanese comics. His book *Comics and the Origins of Manga: A Revisionist History* received the 2022 Will Eisner Comics Industry Award for Best Academic/Scholarly Work. Exner's book will be available for purchase in the Gallery Store and a book signing will follow the lecture!

The phrase 'Asian comics' is sometimes used in opposition to 'Western comics.' But are comics from different parts of the world fundamentally different from each other? Using ample visual evidence from Japan, China, and Korea, this lecture will show how in the 1920s comics swept the globe more or less simultaneously.

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MEMBERS \$15 | GENERAL \$20

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MEMBERS \$5 | GENERAL \$10

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Lin Yu-shan and a Century of Taiwan's Art with Dr. Kuo-Sheng Lai

TUESDAY | MARCH 12 | 1:30 - 2:30 PM
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE

Lin Yu-shan lived for almost an entire century, from 1907 to 2004. Besides being one of the “Three Youths” winning the first Taiwan Art Exhibition, he is also remembered as a master of ink painting and Tōyōga, a new kind of painting similar to Nihonga introduced to Taiwan by the Japanese. This lecture discusses Lin Yu-shan's styles throughout his lifetime. His art reflected different periods of Taiwan's art history through the 20th century.

*Sponsored by the Chinese Cultural Art Council,
an affiliate council of the Bowers Museum.*

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The Future of Exploration with Chris Ranier & Terry Garcia

SUNDAY | MARCH 24 | 1:30 - 3 PM
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE & BOOK SIGNING

We live at a remarkable moment in time. The 21st century promises to be the greatest age of exploration and discovery in human history.

There is still so much to explore on our planet and beyond, as well as within ourselves. Exploration is about discovering new places, understandings, and species, but it is about so much more. Sometimes it means going to old places and seeing them with new eyes and revealing hidden truths.

Who are the people pushing the boundaries of knowledge? Who are the explorers? Join explorers Terry Garcia and Chris Rainier as they discuss their new book, *The Future of Exploration*, and answer those exact questions.

This program is made possible through a generous bequest by Lynda Thomas (1950-2021).

TICKETED ONSITE EVENT
MEMBERS \$55 | GENERAL \$75

Includes free General Admission

[Get Tickets](#)

RECORDED ONLINE SCREENING
\$35 | *Choose to livestream on Zoom or onsite in Bowers' John M. Lee Court.*



American Identity: Visions in American Art History with Kristin Mihaylovich

Professor of Art History at Fullerton College

WEDNESDAYS | APR 10 - MAY 15 | 11 AM - 12 PM*
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | *UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Apr 10 | Early Encounters: Spanish and French Colonization

Apr 17 | Early Encounters Part 2: The British Impact and Colonial Portraiture

Apr 24 | *11:15 am | From Colonial to Federal

May 1 | The Landscape and National Identity

May 8 | Genre Scenes and the West

May 15 | American Art of the Civil War and Reconstruction Era

SERIES PACKAGE: MEMBERS \$50 | GENERAL \$75

Attend one lecture for free when you purchase the series package!

SINGLE LECTURE: MEMBERS \$10 | GENERAL \$15

Get Tickets



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.

The Ladies Sing!

THURSDAY | MARCH 28 | 1:30 - 3 PM

NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE

[Get Tickets](#)

Celebrate some of the most successful female vocalists of popular music during Women's History Month! Tracing the roots of the great names: Doris Day, Billie Holiday Ella Fitzgerald, and many others, you'll appreciate the many hurdles they overcame to become star performers.

Broadway in the 1930s

THURSDAY | APRIL 25 | 1:30 - 3 PM

NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE

[Get Tickets](#)

The crush of the Depression affected everyone from Florenz Ziegfeld to window washers. The great composers, George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter and others, enabled Broadway to not only survive, but prospered with some of its greatest shows and songs.

TICKETED ONSITE EVENTS: MEMBERS \$10 | GENERAL \$15



Bead Trade in the Pacific Northwest with Dr. Alison Kyra Carter

SATURDAY | MARCH 23 | 11 AM - 12 PM
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE

At the historic Fort Vancouver, WA site, once the Hudson's Bay Company's Western Headquarters, over 100,000 glass beads have been found, reflecting the diverse fur trade goods supplied from 1824-1845. A previous study by Lester Ross identified over 150 bead types potentially from Venice, Bohemia, China, and Great Britain. Carter's talk will explore the origins of these beads and their role in the 19th and early 20th-century Pacific Northwest trade.

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an affiliate council of the Bowers Museum.*

TICKETED ONSITE EVENT

FREE FOR BOWERS MEMBERS | GENERAL \$15

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SPECIAL EVENT: BEAD SOCIETY OF ORANGE COUNTY
AN AFFILIATE COUNCIL OF THE BOWERS MUSEUM



28th Annual Art of Adorning Bead Bazaar

SATURDAY | APRIL 27 | 10 AM - 4 PM
KEY COURTYARD | ARTISAN SHOWCASE

Don't miss Orange County's oldest and largest showcase for crafted jewelry, beads, clothing, artifacts, components, craft tools, and supplies!

THIS IS A FREE, NON-TICKETED EVENT

Museum entry not included.

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



Egyptomania and the Legacies of Imhotep with Dr. Julia Troche

[Get Tickets](#)

SATURDAY | MARCH 16 | 1:30 - 3:30 PM

NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE

Presented by Raghda (Didi) El-Behaedi, an Egyptian Archaeology PhD candidate at the University of Chicago and a National Geographic Explorer. Different methodologies of archaeological site exploration in Egypt will be presented with case studies of Memphis and the Fayum.

Geometry and Decoration in Egyptian Coffins with Dr. Stefania Mainieri

[Get Tickets](#)

SATURDAY | APRIL 13 | 1:30 - 3:30 PM

NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE

This presentation will share the results of the Faces Revealed Project's new approach, all of them linked to production and reuse, and demonstrate the attention that artists paid to reproduce the human body, working on these objects as if they were statues and not only a canvas for vignettes and spells.

TICKETED ONSITE EVENTS

FREE FOR BOWERS & ARCE MEMBERS | GENERAL \$15

RECORDED ONLINE SCREENINGS

FREE FOR BOWERS & ARCE MEMBERS | GENERAL \$10

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Celebrity Speaker Series presents Danny and the Divas

**THURSDAY | MARCH 14 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | MUSICAL PERFORMANCE**

Don't miss this powerhouse performance by opera singer Daniel Rodriguez and Broadway stars Maria Kavanaugh and Margaret Kelly.

TICKETED ONSITE EVENT

BOWERS MEMBERS \$35 | GENERAL \$40

*Bowers Museum members may buy one discounted ticket for \$35.
For information about tickets contact Maggie Hart at (714) 356-6720.*

[**Learn More**](#)



A CABARET ON ARTS AND DISABILITY WITH MARLEENA BARBER

SUNDAY | APRIL 14 | 1:30 - 2:30 PM
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Marleena Barber's one-woman cabaret show tells the story of her life growing up legally blind from a genetic condition called Albinism, and how music played a vital role in her journey to self-acceptance. Accompanied on piano by Edward Sywulka, this show is an inspiring piece that reaches all ages, encouraging audiences through a variety of musical styles, to live their dreams despite the challenges they may face.

TICKETED ONSITE EVENT
MEMBERS \$10 | GENERAL \$15

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MEMBERS \$5 | GENERAL \$10

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American Red Cross

Red Cross Blood Drive at Bowers Museum

TUESDAY | APRIL 2 | 10 AM - 4 PM

Be a hero in your community and save lives with a simple blood donation!

To schedule an appointment or for more information, go to redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: **Bowers** or call **1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)**. #redcrossatbowers

The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years. Your blood donation is needed now to help alleviate the shortage and ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not delayed.

**ALL PARTICIPATING DONORS WILL RECEIVE
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Celebrate with the Bowers Museum during our free family festivals held every first Sunday of the month 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.

Celtic Festival

SUNDAY | MARCH 3

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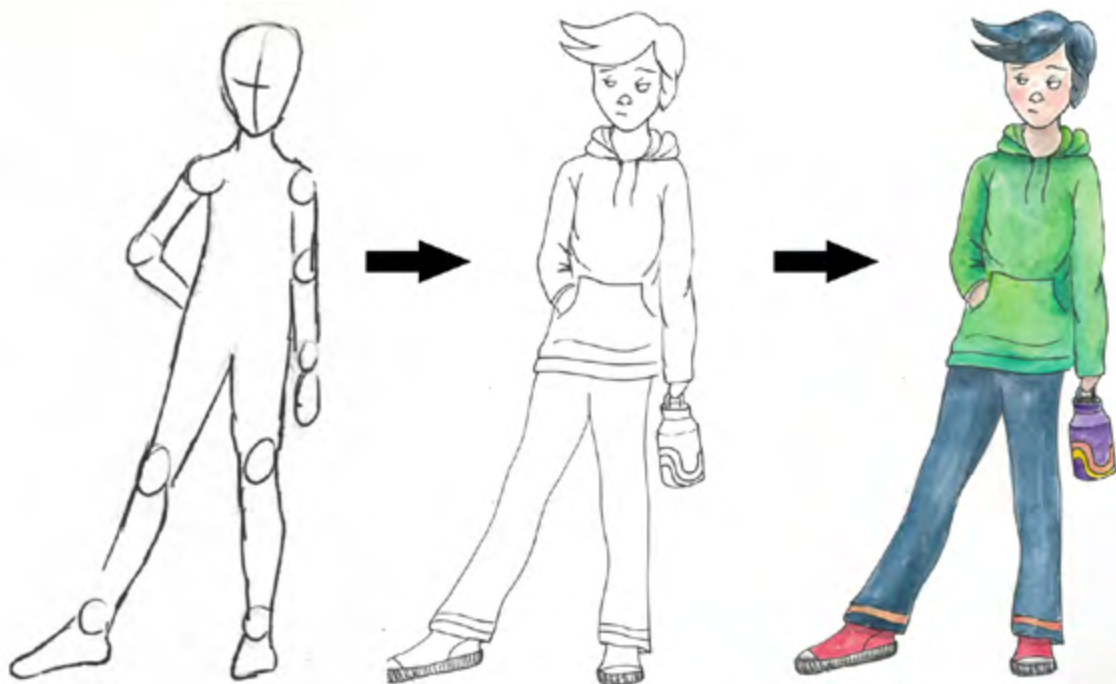
Dance to the lively Irish music of Cillian's Bridge and learn all about the bagpipes from Chrissy Orcholski. O'Connor Kennedy Academy of Irish Dance will make you want to get up and dance an Irish jig. The entire family will enjoy free face painting, art projects and food samples.

Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival

SUNDAY | APRIL 7

[Learn More](#)

Bring the entire family to enjoy performances of Taiko drum music, traditional Japanese dances, the fun happy sounds of Viorhythm, child violinists, and Shan, our favorite candy sculptor.



COMIC BOOK & CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

SUNDAY | APRIL 21 | 11 AM - 12:30 PM
JOHN M. LEE COURT | WORKSHOP*

Create your very own comic book and learn about character development, storytelling and illustration in this hands-on workshop with artist Erna van Dyk!

TICKETED ONSITE EVENT
MEMBERS \$15 | GENERAL \$20

**Suggested for ages 10+ with adult supervision.
Modified project available for younger children.*

Get Tickets

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 featured book for the first 35 to RSVP 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.

Pencils, Pens & Brushes: A Great Girls' Guide to Disney Animation

SATURDAY | MARCH 30 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM
FLUOR GALLERY

Join award-winning author Mindy Johnson for a fun and inspiring look at many of the amazing women who have worked at Disney Animation over the years, just in time for Women's History Month.

[Learn More](#)



The Rescues – Finding Home

SATURDAY | APRIL 27 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM
CALIFORNIA BOUNTY EXHIBIT

Just in time for National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day, join author Shiho Pate for a tale that champions the importance of family and relays how it feels to belong and to have a place to call home.

[Learn More](#)



TICKETED ONSITE EVENTS
FREE WITH GENERAL ADMISSION

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 AGED 62 & OVER
GENERAL \$7

Questions? Email mlopez@bowers.org or call 714.567.3678.



Abstract Self Portrait

THURSDAY | MARCH 14

Discover creative ways to portray yourself a la Picasso, Modigliani, or Matisse with acrylics.

[Get Tickets](#)



Needle Felting

THURSDAY | MARCH 28

Experience the art of painting with yarn and needle, back by popular demand.

[Get Tickets](#)



Treasure Leaves

THURSDAY | APRIL 11

Connect with nature and create an exquisite masterpiece using a fresh leaf as your canvas. We'll use acrylic paint, glitter, sequins and metallic gel pens.

[Get Tickets](#)



Hand Painted Tote Bag

THURSDAY | APRIL 25

Be a fashionable shopper with your hand painted canvas tote bag.

[Get Tickets](#)



Books at Bowers: Touring Through the Pages



THU | APR 18 | 1 - 2 PM

SAT | APR 20 | 10:30 - 11:30 AM

NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM

ONSITE BOOK DISCUSSION & TOUR

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For Members Only: A Book Club Experience

Books at Bowers: Touring Through the Pages is a Bowers Docent Guild sponsored book club for Bowers Museum members.

Sonny Liew's graphic novel, "The Art of Charlie Chan Hock Chye," has garnered numerous accolades, notably receiving three Eisner awards among its many distinctions. The book's simple premise is the biography of a fictional comic book artist whose 80-year span of comics illustrates the often-turbulent history of Singapore.

"Liew's inclusion of fabricated newspaper clippings, old sketches, mixed media works, and even an occasional photo collage purporting to show us first-hand evidence of Charlie's life, is riveting. 320 pages. Limited copies of the book are available for purchase in the Gallery Store.

Following the discussion in the Norma Kershaw Auditorium, a Docent led tour of *Asian Comics: Evolution of An Art Form* will highlight how powerful comics can be as a medium.

Free for Bowers Members.

RSVP on [Bowers.org](https://www.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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JOIN US FOR A
**WEDDING
SHOWCASE**

MARCH 16 | 11AM - 2PM



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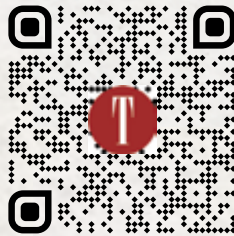
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