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Global Threads Exhibition Weaves a New Chapter at Bowers Museum



Santa Ana, CA – November 5, 2025 –

This winter, Bowers Museum unveils *Global Threads: India's Textile Revolution*, an exhibition that brings to life the dazzling story of Indian cotton textiles that reshaped the world's fashion, trade, and culture. Opening **December 13, 2025**, the exhibition explores how painted and printed cottons from India—known as *chintz*—sparked global revolutions in art and industry, connecting artisans, merchants, and designers across four continents for over a thousand years.

Featuring more than **100 stunning works** from the **Royal Ontario Museum (Toronto, Canada)** and private collections, *Global Threads* reveals India's profound legacy as the world's textile innovator. From palace-sized fabrics and 13th-century dye fragments to couture by contemporary designers, visitors will discover how these textiles continue to inspire today's global fashion world. Details and tickets are available at bowers.org/threads.

Opening Events:

Members' Preview Night

Friday, December 12 | 5–9 PM | Exclusive for Members

Members are invited to an exclusive preview with a talk by **Dr. Sarah Fee**, Senior Curator at the Royal Ontario Museum, plus a hosted bar and light refreshments before the exhibition opens to the public.

Opening Day Lecture: "How India's Cotton Cloth Forever Changed Fashion and the World"

Saturday, December 13 | 1:30–2:30 PM | Norma Kershaw Auditorium

Dr. Fee delves into the stories behind the exhibition, from early natural dyes to today's designers revitalizing South Asia's textile traditions.

After Hours at Bowers

Friday, December 19 | 4–8 PM | Full Museum Access

Bowers is open late! Explore the galleries and discover our newest exhibition, *Global Threads: India's Textile Revolution*.

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Introducing Bowers Bollywood Bash: Saturday, March 21, 2026 | 5 PM–1 AM

Bowers Museum reimagines its annual gala with the launch of the **Bowers Bash**, a spectacular new model for its signature fundraiser. This first-of-its-kind event celebrates South Asian art and culture through a Bollywood Bash complete with **music, dance, fashion, and fine dining**, all inspired by the brilliance of *Global Threads: India's Textile Revolution*.



Guests will experience an immersive evening of Bollywood-inspired performances, vibrant design, and South Asian cuisine including a three-course gourmet Indian fusion meal specially curated by Chef Ali Loukzada, originally of Mumbai, from the Constellation Culinary Group, renowned for its partnerships with leading museums and cultural venues nationwide. A full Chaat station, dessert, and more will be provided by Chef Manindder Tej, originally of Delhi and owner of Dilliwalla Luxury Catering. Details and tickets are available at bowers.org/bash.

Tiered access allows guests to tailor their experience:

- **VIP Experience | 5 PM Start** – Includes an exclusive pre-party reception, early gallery access, and an exclusive fine dining experience.
- **Party Tickets | 8 PM Entry** – Join the high-energy celebration with full entertainment and dance floor access.

“Our goal is to create an event that reflects the dynamism of this exhibition,” said **Dr. O’Harrow**. “Bowers Bollywood Bash blends sophistication with excitement—it’s a fresh, lively format that welcomes new audiences while maintaining the elegance and excellence our supporters expect.”

The **Bowers Bollywood Bash** also serves as the **capstone fundraiser of Bowers Museum’s 90th Anniversary year in 2026**, supporting multicultural arts and education programs across Southern California.

Early Bird Pricing Ends January 1, 2026.

Tickets increase in the new year—guests are encouraged to secure early discounts or RSVP now to receive reminders before rates go up.

For those unable to attend, tax-deductible donations directly support Bowers Museum’s global arts initiatives and educational outreach.

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