

# New England Chapter News Japanese American Citizens League August 2022 www.nejacl.org

# FESTIVALS, PROGRAMS, EVENTS

# Family Fun Day

Saturday, July 30 from 10 am to 1 pm

Cavanaugh Stadium, Birch St. entrance, Quincy

(Rain location: North Quincy High School, 316 Hancock St., North Quincy)

Fun activities include face painting, games & prizes, balloon animals, music & movement, bouncy obstacle course and watermelon eating contest. Meet Sparky the Fire Dog and Wally the Green Monster! Presented by the **Boston Chinatown Neighborhood/Quincy. INFO:** 

https://bcnc.net/events/2022/quincyfamilyfun

# Virtual: 13th Annual Asian American Mental Health Forum Building Resilience: Healing Trauma Across Generations

Saturday, July 30 from 10:30 am to 4 pm

Forum features a panel discussion, interactive workshops, networking rooms and performances. Keynote Speaker: **Jeanie Y. Chang**, Founder, Your Change Provider. Presented by **Asian Women for Health.** Free event.

Register at: <a href="https://www.bit.ly/2022AAMHF">www.bit.ly/2022AAMHF</a>. INFO & Updates:

https://www.asianwomenforhealth.org/asian-american-mental-health-forum.html

# Chinese Progressive Association's 45th Anniversary Celebration Unite and Grow Our Grassroots Power

Saturday, July 30 from 1 to 3 pm

Josiah Quincy School, 885 Washington St., Boston

Join in celebrating CPA's 45 years of grassroots organizing. Free admission. **Registration required:** <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chinese-progressive-associations-45th-anniversary-celebration-tickets-380023108347">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chinese-progressive-associations-45th-anniversary-celebration-tickets-380023108347</a> **INFO:** <a href="https://www.cpaboston.org/">https://www.cpaboston.org/</a>

# Salem-Ota Sister City Cultural Exchange Celebration

Saturday, July 30 from 1 to 3 pm

Peabody Essex Museum, East India Marine Hall, 161 Essex St., Salem

Celebrate 30 years of friendship and cultural exchange with Salem's sister city! Enjoy a performance by **Odaiko New England**, hear from guest speakers, take a tour of PEM's Japanese art gallery, and more. **Admission:** \$20; \$18 Seniors; \$12 Students with ID; Free for PEM Members, Salem Ota Cultural Exchange Club Members, and those who live or work in Salem. **INFO:** <a href="https://www.pem.org/events/salem-ota-sister-city-cultural-exchange-celebration">https://www.salemotace.org/</a>

# Virtual: Sansei Rocker Symposium

Saturday, July 30 from 2 to 4 pm (PDT)

A panel of "Sansei rockers" discuss Harry Manaka's book, *Chronicles of A Sansei Rocker*, which explores the dynamic Japanese American music and dance scene of the '60s and '70s. **Tina Fujino, Gerald Ishibashi, David Honjio**, and **Harry Manaka** talk about community, history, and rock music. Moderated by actress **Brittany Ishibashi.** Free. Presented by the **Japanese American National Museum. Registration & INFO**:

https://www.janm.org/events/2022-07-30/sansei-rocker-symposium

# Virtual: East Meets West: A Cultural Journey

Saturday, July 30 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm (HST)

Japan and Hawai'i share a vibrant history shaped by immigration, culture and commerce. We will examine differences and similarities through the "East Meets West" series. **Dr. Patrick Patterson** will explore the life and songs of **Yoshiko Yamaguchi** (1920-2014), **Misora Hibari** (1937-1989), and **Royichi Hattori** (1907-1993) and how popular songs shaped cross-cultural identity in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Presented by the **Nisei Veterans Memorial Center** (www.nvmc.org). **Registration:** <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_Qwh-TncrR76rOrlZ1ebsvg">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_Qwh-TncrR76rOrlZ1ebsvg</a>

# **August Adventures**

Monday, August 1 to Wednesday, August 31

The Highland Street Foundation is partnering with Massachusetts cultural institutions to provide one free activity each day for 31 days. The activity includes no-cost admission to zoos, museums and carousels. For information on each day, scroll down the page to find the links.

**INFO:** https://www.highlandstreet.org/programs/community-events/august-adventures

# Virtual: Yakamashii! with Kathy Collins & Lee Tonouchi

Saturday, August 6 at 1:30 pm (HST)

Host **Kathy Collins**, Maui storyteller and media personality, invites a variety of guests with great stories to share. August's special guest is **Lee Tonouchi**, Hawai'i-born writer & editor, "Da Pidgin Guerilla." Presented by the **Nisei Veterans Memorial Center. INFO:** <a href="https://www.nvmc.org/event/yakamashii-talking-story-with-kathy-collins-friends-2/">https://www.nvmc.org/event/yakamashii-talking-story-with-kathy-collins-friends-2/</a>

#### **Book Talks:**

- Other Names for Love by Taymour Soomro
- Self-Portrait with Ghost: Short Stories by Meng Jin

Thursday, August 11 at 7 pm (rescheduled from July 21)

Harvard Book Store, 1256 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge

Taymour Soomro and Meng Jin discuss their new books.

INFO: https://www.harvard.com/event/taymour\_soomro\_and\_meng\_jin/

#### In Person Meet & Greet:

The Many Daughters of Afong Moy by Jamie Ford Saturday, August 13, drop in any time between 2 and 3 pm Wellesley Books, 82 Central St., Wellesley

Author **Jamie Ford** explores the powerful love that binds Dorothy Moy with the women in her family across generations: Faye Moy, a nurse in China serving with the Flying Tigers; Zoe Moy, a student in England at a famous school with no rules; Lai King Moy, a girl quarantined in San Francisco during a plague epidemic; Greta Moy, a tech executive with a unique dating app; and Afong Moy, the first Chinese woman to set foot in America. Ford's debut novel, **Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet**, spent two years on the New York Times bestseller list. **INFO:** <a href="https://www.wellesleybooks.com/event/jamie-ford">https://www.wellesleybooks.com/event/jamie-ford</a>

# **52nd Chinatown August Moon Festival**

Sunday, August 14 from 10 am to 5 pm

Main Stage (Harrison Ave. & Essex St.), Boston

Festival is filled with performances (lion dancing, Chinese music & singing, traditional folk dance and martial arts) as well as Chinese calligraphy, arts & crafts and vendors of Chinese food and merchandise. Presented by the **Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association. INFO:** https://ccbaboston.org/en/chinatown-august-moon-festival-2022

# Virtual Book Talk: Light from Uncommon Stars

Monday, August 15 at 7 pm

Brookline Public Library welcomes Ryka Aoki for a discussion and Q&A in celebration of the paperback release of her 2021 best-selling novel, a joyful adventure set in California's San Gabriel Valley, with cursed violins, Faustian bargains, and queer alien courtship over freshmade donuts. Registration & INFO: <a href="https://www.brooklinebooksmith.com/event/public-library-brookline-ryka-aoki">https://www.brooklinebooksmith.com/event/public-library-brookline-ryka-aoki</a> INFO on Ryka Aoki: <a href="https://www.rykaryka.com">www.rykaryka.com</a>

## Virtual Book Talk: Bronze Drum

Tuesday, August 16 at 7 pm

**Phong Nguyen** talks with **William Pierce** about his novel of ancient Vietnam based on the true story of two warrior sisters who raised an army of women to overthrow the Han Chinese and rule as kings over a united people. Presented by **Brookline Booksmith. Registration & INFO**: <a href="https://www.brooklinebooksmith.com/event/phong-nguyen-william-pierce-bronze-drum">https://www.brooklinebooksmith.com/event/phong-nguyen-william-pierce-bronze-drum</a>

# 25th Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival

Saturday, August 20

Along Pawtucket Blvd., Lowell

The Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival returns and thousands are expected to join in the celebration with the water blessings, food, crafts, and performances. This year, due to COVID, boat racing is suspended for 2022. **INFO:** http://lowellwaterfestival.org/

# Virtual Talk: The War Bride Experience with Kathryn Tolbert Saturday, August 20 at 1:30 pm (HST)

An Afternoon with Katharyn Tolbert is presented by the **Nisei Veterans Memorial Center.**Tolbert is a journalist with the Washington Post and is co-director of the documentary *Fall Seven Times, Get Up Eight: The Japanese War Brides* that included the story of her mother. **Registration & INFO:** 

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN ZAgS6x-zRdgQdSggRk8uxA

# 35th Annual Quincy August Moon Festival

Sunday, August 21 from 12 to 4 pm Rain Date: Saturday, August 28

**Coddington St., Quincy Center** 

Features performances, food trucks, amusements and vendors. Presented by Quincy Asian

Resources, Inc. (QARI) in partnership with the City of Quincy. INFO:

https://www.qariusa.org/august-moon-festival

# Book Talk: Babel by R.F. Kuang

Wednesday, August 24 at 6 pm (Doors open at 5:30 pm)

**Brattle Theatre, 42 Brattle St., Cambridge** 

Harvard Book Store welcomes R. F. Kuang, award-winning author of the fantasy series, *The Poppy War*, to discuss her new book, *Babel*: *Or the Necessity of Violence: An Arcane History of the Oxford Translators' Revolution*. In 1828, Robin Swift, orphaned by cholera in Canton, is brought to London by the mysterious Professor Lovell. There, he trains for years in Latin, Ancient Greek, and Chinese, in preparation for the day he'll enroll in Oxford University's Royal Institute of Translation—also known as Babel. Babel is the world's center for translation and, more importantly, magic. **Tickets:** \$29.75 (includes copy of hardcover book) **INFO:** https://www.harvard.com/event/r.f.\_kuang\_at\_the\_brattle\_theatre/

INFO about R. F. Kuang: <a href="https://rfkuang.com/">https://rfkuang.com/</a>

# Experience Chinatown Arts Festival

• Murals: Friday, August 26 to Friday, October 28

• Live Performances: Thursday, Sept. 8; Thursday, Sept. 15; Saturday, Sept. 24
This fall, see, hear, create, and connect to celebrate the rich cultural fabric of Boston Chinatown through free creative activities. Performances will happen rain or shine! In case of inclement weather, performances will be held at the Pao Arts Center. Masks will be required indoors. Presented by the Pao Arts Center.

**INFO:** <a href="https://www.paoartscenter.org/events/experiencechinatown2022">https://www.paoartscenter.org/events/experiencechinatown2022</a>

## 2022 INCARCERATION CAMP PILGRIMAGES

• Poston Pilgrimage ..... Friday, October 21 to Saturday, October 22

Registration is now open: <a href="https://www.postonpreservation.org/pilgrimage">https://www.postonpreservation.org/pilgrimage</a>

• Tule Lake Pilgrimage ...... Postponed from July – New dates to be determined

https://www.tulelake.org/

# CONCERTS, FILMS, PERFORMANCES

# Films: Annual Studio Ghibli Fest

- Kiki's Delivery Service Sunday, July 31, Monday, August 1 & Wednesday, August 3
- Only Yesterday Sunday, August 28 & Monday, August 29

Presented by **Fathom Events.** For a list of theaters near you, enter your zip code in the "Location" box. **INFO:** https://www.fathomevents.com/series/studio-ghibli-fest

# Taiko: Odaiko New England

Wednesday, August 3 from 4 pm to 9 pm

Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch St., Scituate

As part of the Summer Concert Series, **Odaiko New England** performs from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on the Library lawn.

**INFO:** https://onetaiko.org/web/event/scituate-library-festival/?instance\_id=12712

# 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian American International Film Festival (aaiff45)

Wednesday, August 3 to Saturday, August 13

Asia Society, 725 Park Avenue, New York

This year the aaiff45 combines in-person screenings and events with online programs to make an exciting hybrid festival. The program includes films, panels, Q&As, performances and more. For **Tickets and INFO**: https://www.aaiff.org/

# Film: Easter Sunday

Thursday, August 4 (one night premiere event)

Stand up comedian Joe Koy will introduce his new film *Easter Sunday* in a live broadcast at the theater. In his film, Jo returns home for an Easter celebration with his riotous, bickering, eating, drinking, laughing family in this love letter to his Filipino American community. Featured in the film are Jimmy O. Yang, Tia Carrere, Brandon Wardell, Eva Noblezada, Lydia Gaston, Asif Ali, Rodney To, Eugene Cordero, Jay Chandrasekhar, Tiffany Haddish and Lou Diamond Phillips. Presented by Fanthom Events.

For a list of theaters near you, enter your zip code in the "Location" box.

**INFO & Tickets:** <a href="https://www.fathomevents.com/events/Easter-Sunday-Live-with-Jo-Kov?date=2022-08-">https://www.fathomevents.com/events/Easter-Sunday-Live-with-Jo-Kov?date=2022-08-</a>

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Also at AMC Theatres on Thursday, August 4 – Easter Sunday: Live with Jo Koy: <a href="https://www.amctheatres.com/movies/easter-sunday-live-with-jo-koy-70263/showtimes/easter-sunday-live-with-jo-koy-70263/2022-08-04/amc-boston-common-19/all">https://www.amctheatres.com/movies/easter-sunday-live-with-jo-koy-70263/showtimes/easter-sunday-live-with-jo-koy-70263/2022-08-04/amc-boston-common-19/all</a>

Easter Sunday opens in many theatres on Friday, August 5.

# **Zoom Livestream:** From Number to Name: Back to Life Friday, August 5 – Sunday, August 7

**Presented by East West Players** 

Artist and activist Kristina Wong has devised a work that is the culmination of a writing and performance process exploring incarceration, undoing prison politics, and restorative justice in Asian Pacific Islander communities. Formerly incarcerated Asian Americans and those in the API community impacted by mass incarceration take viewers on a journey through their experiences and challenges them to reflect on their own criminal justice system and imagine its future. Each pay-what-you-will performance takes place live over Zoom, followed by a Q&A with API RISE. INFO: https://eastwestplayers.org/fntn/

# Free Concerts: Foundation for Chinese Performing Arts

Wednesday, August 10 to Saturday, August 27

New England Conservatory, Williams Hall, 290 Huntington Ave., Boston

Concerts are performed by musicians of various backgrounds and generations in the classical music world. Free; suggested donation \$10.

INFO: https://necmusic.edu/event-locations/new-england-conservatory-williams-hall

**INFO** on the Foundation for Chinese Performing Arts:

http://www.chineseperformingarts.net/contents/summer/2022/index.html

# Vision/Voices: Year of the Tiger Performance Series

Saturday, August 13 from 3 to 6 pm

Mary Soo Hoo Park on The Greenway (near Beach St. & Chinatown Gate)

The final performance in the *New Narrative Series: Present and Future* features **Tamiko Beyer, Micah Rose, Juk Sing** and **The Flavor Continues.** This summer outdoor series showcases Boston-area spoken word artists and performers who draw upon a wide range of artistic styles, cultural traditions and languages. **Cheryl Wing-Zi Wong's Year of the Tiger** installation is a community pavilion and public artwork of vibrantly colored seating, podiums and sprawling floor motifs. As both stage and seating, the installation creates a new, intergenerational hub to gather outdoors, perform or engage in public programs. Presented by the **Pao Arts Center** in collaboration with the **Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy.** Free + suggested donation of \$10. **INFO:** <a href="https://www.paoartscenter.org/events/presentandfuture">https://www.paoartscenter.org/events/presentandfuture</a>

#### Ukulele Concert: Taimane

Thursday, August 11 at 8 pm

The Center for Arts in Natick (TCAN), 14 Summer St., Natick

From Bach to rock, flamenco infernos to tribal hymns, **Taimane** is known for her virtuosity. She releases her first new album in four years, *Hawaiki*, an autobiographical record whose protagonist discovers profound meaning upon connecting with her Polynesian ancestry amidst a wild adventure. **Tickets:** \$35, \$30 TCAN members.

INFO: <a href="https://www.natickarts.org/performance/taimane-2022-08-11">https://www.natickarts.org/performance/taimane-2022-08-11</a>

#### Film: Free Chol Soo Lee

Wednesday, August 17 at 7 pm (one night national screening)

## Kendall Square Cinema, One Kendall Square at 355 Binney St., Cambridge

In 1970s San Francisco, 20-year-old Korean immigrant Chol Soo Lee is racially profiled and convicted of a Chinatown gang murder. Sentenced to life, he spends years fighting to survive until investigative journalist K.W. Lee takes an interest in his case, igniting an unprecedented social justice movement that would unite Asian Americans and inspire a new generation of activists. (Partially subtitled) **INFO & Tickets:** 

https://www.landmarktheatres.com/boston/kendall-square-cinema/film-info/free-chol-soo-lee?sc\_src=email\_3143662&sc\_lid=292879995&sc\_uid=kwt7YRTieF&sc\_llid=8457&sc\_eh=5ad\_75efdd19053211&utm\_source=emarsys&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=072222+Boston\_+WeeklyFC

#### Films: Samurai Summer II

#### Coolidge Corner Theatre, 290 Harvard St., Brookline

This series pairs classic *chanbara* (sword fighting) movies with films from the West that they've influenced. See how the themes in samurai films are interpreted, borrowed, and, in some cases, stolen. Co-presented by the **Japan Society of Boston.** 

- The Hidden Fortress Tuesday, August 16 at 7 pm
- Star Wars: Episode IV A New Hope Wednesday, August 17 at 7 pm
- Onibaba Tuesday, August 23 at 7 pm
- Kill Bill Vol. 1 & 2 Wednesday, August 24 at 7 pm
- The Tale of Zatoichi Tuesday, August 30 at 7 pm
- Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai Wednesday, August 31 at 67 pm
- Ran Tuesday, September 6 at 7 pm
- A Fistful of Dollars Wednesday, September 7 at 7 pm

**INFO & Tickets:** https://coolidge.org/programs/samurai-summer

# World Channel: Asian American Stories of Resilience and Beyond AAPI Filmmakers Explore Identity through Community & Family

To commemorate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, an exclusive, digital-first series turned the lens on AAPI filmmakers by providing an intimate look into stories often told but rarely heard. Seven short films by both emerging and established creators focus on the theme of resilience. Each filmmaker, with the guidance of an accomplished industry mentor, shines a light on moments, big and small, that demonstrate the diversity of the AAPI community. INFO & Films for Viewing: <a href="https://worldchannel.org/press/article/asian-american-stories-of-resilience-and-beyond-short-films-viewers-guide/">https://worldchannel.org/press/article/asian-american-stories-of-resilience-and-beyond-short-films-viewers-guide/</a>

# Concert Tour: Grace Kelly

Singer, saxophonist, songwriter, composer and band leader **Grace Kelly** has rocked the jazz world with sold-out concerts, 13 albums and a resume that includes performing at the Hollywood Bowl and as part of the house band for "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" – all before reaching her mid-twenties.

- Friday, August 19 at 7:30 pm Hanover Theatre, 2 Southbridge St., Worcester, MA
- Saturday, August 20 at 8 pm Infinity Hall, 32 Front St., Hartford, CT
- Sunday, August 21 at 7 pm Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, NY
- Tuesday, August 23 at 7:30 pm Hepburn Cultural Center, 300 Main St., Old Saybrook, CT
- Wednesday, August 24 at 8:30 pm Wequassett Resort/Golf Club, 2173 MA-28, Harwich, MA
- Thursday, August 25 at 8 pm City Winery Boston, 80 Beverly St., Boston
- Friday, August 26 at 8 pm Spire Center, 25-1/2 Court St., Plymouth, MA
- Saturday, August 27 at 3 pm & 7 pm Shalin Li Performance Cnt, 27 Main St., Rockport, MA
- •Sunday, Aug. 28 at 7 pm Lee Congregational Church/Meeting House, 25 Park St., Lee, MA INFO: https://www.gracekellymusic.com/tour/

### 16th Annual Films at the Gate Festival

Friday, August 26 to Sunday, August 28

Chinatown Gate, Beach Street & Surface Road, Boston

5:30 pm: Games & activities for families

**6:00 pm:** Martial arts demonstrations & performances

**7:30 pm:** Welcome program

**8:00 pm:** Main program (show time is dependent on sunset for optimal viewing)

Join the **Asian Community Development Corporation** (ACDC) and the Chinatown community for this free annual festival open to community members of all ages and backgrounds! The festival program highlights the stories and work of Asian immigrant and Asian American filmmakers and artists.

**INFO:** https://asiancdc.org/events/fatg2022

#### Virtual: PBS Short Film Festival 2022

Full List of Films: <a href="https://www.pbs.org/filmfestival/all-films-from-the-2022-festival">https://www.pbs.org/filmfestival/all-films-from-the-2022-festival</a>

• My Chinatown, With Aloha (10 min., 5 sec.)

Fourth-generation Chinese American filmmaker Kimberlee Bassford explores her family's relationship to Honolulu's Chinatown.

https://www.pbs.org/filmfestival/films/my-chinatown-with-aloha

• Ka Ho'i (20 min., 22 sec.)

A Hawaiian war veteran grapples with the struggles of growing older, the nightmares of his past and the even scarier thought of being forgotten as the world around him seems to leave him in the dust. <a href="https://www.pbs.org/filmfestival/films/ka-hoi">https://www.pbs.org/filmfestival/films/ka-hoi</a>

• Ala Moana Boys (20 min., 42 sec.)

Film follows five friends caught in the middle of a scandal in 1930's Oahu. Based on true events during the Thalia Massie trials, this short drama recounts a small slice of the story from the point of view of Joe Kahahawai, Horace Ida, Henry Chang, Ben Ahakuelo and David Takai. They must consider their futures and their families as they weigh the consequences of inaction vs. action. https://www.pbs.org/filmfestival/films/ala-moana-boys

# **CLASSES, CONVENTIONS**

# 52nd JACL National Convention - August 3-7 - In-Person & Online

Las Vegas, NV. INFO: <a href="https://jacl.org/2022-jacl-national-convention">https://jacl.org/2022-jacl-national-convention</a>

# 49th OCA National Convention - August 4-6

Las Vegas, NV. INFO: <a href="https://www.ocanational.org/national-convention">https://www.ocanational.org/national-convention</a>

# 2022 Leadership Convention by NAAAP – August 11-13

Capital Hilton, 1001 16th St. NW, Washington DC

National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) celebrates its 40th

anniversary. INFO: <a href="https://www.leadershipconvention.org">https://www.leadershipconvention.org</a>

# Virtual Training to Combat Harassment

In response to the rise in anti-Asian/American and xenophobic harassment, **Right To Be** (formerly Hollaback!) partnered with **Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAJC)** to adapt free bystander intervention training to support the Asian/American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.

- Stand Up to Street Harassment Tuesday, August 2 from 6 to 7 pm https://righttobe.org/events/stand-up-against-street-harassment-18/
- Bystander Intervention to Stop Anti-Asian/American and Xenophobic Harassment -Monday, August 8 from 3 to 4 pm

https://righttobe.org/events/bystander-intervention-to-stop-anti-asian-american-and-xenophobic-harassment-available-in-hindi/

- Stand Up to Street Harassment Wednesday, August 10 from 2 to 3 pm https://righttobe.org/events/stand-up-against-street-harassment-17/
- How to Respond to Harassment for People Experiencing Anti-Asian/American Harassment Thursday, August 11 from 4 to 5 pm

https://righttobe.org/events/how-to-respond-to-harassment-for-people-experiencing-anti-asian-american-harassment-4/

- Bystander Intervention to Stop Anti-Asian/American and Xenophobic Harassment -Wednesday, August 17 from 12 to 1 pm
- https://righttobe.org/events/bystander-intervention-to-stop-anti-asian-american-and-xenophobic-harassment-available-in-thai/
- Stand Up to Street Harassment Thursday, August 18 from 12 to 1 pm https://righttobe.org/events/stand-up-against-street-harassment-16/
- Additional Trainings: https://righttobe.org/our-training/

# The 5D's of Bystander Intervention

**AARP, Right To Be** (formerly Hollaback!), and **Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAJC)** joined forces to produce 5 short videos aimed at empowering a broader audience about the importance of being allies when hate and disrespect occurs. **Direct, Distract, Document, Delay** and **Direct** are available in English and various Asian languages.

INFO: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLShboSEeEaPQ5JKO6L9DG78V8AcXyZjZh

# Odaiko New England Introductory Taiko Workshop

Sunday, September 4 from 9:30 to 11 am

**Regent Underground Theatre, 7 Medford St., Arlington** (next to the Regent Theatre)
This workshop is a great way to get a taste of taiko drumming, release some stress while making music and moving your body. Experience first-hand the energy and power of taiko! Fee: \$40. INFO: <a href="https://onetaiko.org/web/classes/workshops/">https://onetaiko.org/web/classes/workshops/</a>

# MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

# **Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA)**

25 Harbor Shore Dr., Boston

Yayoi Kusama: Love is Calling

through December 31

**Note:** Love is Calling is only open Wednesday through Sunday. **Know before you go**: <a href="https://www.icaboston.org/kusama-know-before-you-go">https://www.icaboston.org/kusama-know-before-you-go</a>. There is a link to "Get Tickets" on the right side of that page.

#### MASS MoCA

87 Marshall St., North Adams, MA

Glenn Kaino: In the Light of a Shadow

through September 3

This installation is inspired by the connection between protests across the globe, in response to the tragic events known as "Bloody Sunday" from Selma, Alabama and Derry, Northern Ireland. The exhibit spans the entirety of MASS MoCA's football-field sized Building 5 gallery with an immense installation that explores the power of collective action in forging a more just world.

INFO: https://massmoca.org/event/glenn-kaino-in-the-light-of-a-shadow/

#### **Pao Arts Center**

Online Exhibit: Homeward Bound: Global Intimacies in

Converging Chinatowns

through December 31

Walk through a 3D exhibit and enjoy an audio tour from the Asian American Writers' Workshop's podcast as part of the virtual experience. Curated by queer Chinese American scholars, organizers and artists **Mei Lum, Diane Wong** and **Huiying B. Chan**, it centers narratives of home, community, and intergenerational resistance. The exhibition draws from four years of ethnographic research and oral history interviews with the Chinese diaspora that spans 9 countries and 13 cities. **INFO:** 

https://www.paoartscenter.org/events/2020/homeward-bound-global-intimacies-in-converging-chinatowns

## **Worcester Art Museum**

Virtual Exhibit: Kimono Couture: The Beauty of Chiso

**INFO:** https://www.worcesterart.org/exhibitions/kimono-couture/

### **ELSEWHERE**

#### **Asian Art Museum**

Chong-Moon Lee Center for Asian Arts & Culture 200 Larkin St., San Francisco, CA

Bearing Witness: Selected Works of Chiura Obata through January 31, 2023

Bearing Witness showcases Chiura Obata's firsthand depictions of the 1906 earthquake and fire—the only on-the-spot renderings of the aftermath—as well as his paintings documenting the forced incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. Born in Japan, but with a life and career deeply entwined with the Bay Area, Obata (1885-1975) is renowned as a 20th-century master who merged Japanese painting techniques and styles with modern American abstraction. Including many new acquisitions on display for the first time, Bearing Witness invites audiences to follow the evolution of Obata's distinctive vision, from some of his earliest, rarely seen, watercolors, to his famous prints of California landscapes, to his somber consideration of wartime's devastation.

**INFO:** <a href="https://exhibitions.asianart.org/exhibitions/bearing-witness-selected-works-by-chiura-obata/">https://exhibitions.asianart.org/exhibitions/bearing-witness-selected-works-by-chiura-obata/</a>? <a href="qa=2.138680821.75334972.1658783477-1105862758.1658085342">qa=2.138680821.75334972.1658783477-1105862758.1658085342</a>

# **Dodger Stadium**

1000 Vin Scully Ave., Los Angeles, CA Baseball's Bridge to the Pacific:

Celebrating the Legacy of Japanese American Baseball

Roadshow: Angel Stadium of Anaheim (TBD)

Exhibit pays tribute to the 80th anniversary of Executive Order 9066 and the 150th anniversary of US-Japan Baseball diplomacy (1872-2022). It consists of historical panels and prewar artifacts that chronicle the introduction of baseball to Japan in the early 1870's to the first Japanese American teams in 1903, the early tours by these Nikkei teams to Asia starting in 1914 helped usher in the start of professional baseball in Japan in 1936. Sponsored by: **Nisei Baseball Research Project** (<a href="https://niseibaseball.com">https://niseibaseball.com</a>), **Arizona Baseball Legacy and Experience** (<a href="https://ableaz.org">https://ableaz.org</a>) and **JACL-AZ Chapter** (<a href="https://ableaz.org">www.jaclaz.org</a>).

**INFO:** <a href="https://niseibaseball.com/2022/06/11/baseballs-bridge-to-the-pacific-celebrating-the-legacy-of-japanese-american-baseball/">https://niseibaseball.com/2022/06/11/baseballs-bridge-to-the-pacific-celebrating-the-legacy-of-japanese-american-baseball/</a>

# Japanese American Museum of San Jose

535 North Fifth St., San Jose, CA

**Exquisite Art Under Adverse Conditions** 

From the Japanese American Incarceration Camps: 1942-1945

This exhibit captures the artistic essence of the forced mass removal and incarceration of some 120,000 people of Japanese descent from 1942 through 1945. Using natural material from the 10 desolate incarceration camps, the art work comes alive in a very naturalistic way reflecting the Art of Gaman, to endure the seemingly unbearable with patience and dignity.

INFO: https://www.jamsj.org/exquisite-art-under-adverse-conditions

# Japanese American Museum of Oregon at Naito Center

411 NW Flanders St., Portland, OR

Na Omi Shintani: Dream Refuge for Children Imprisoned through September 24

INFO: <a href="https://jamo.org/exhibits/na-omi-shintani-dream-refuge/">https://jamo.org/exhibits/na-omi-shintani-dream-refuge/</a>

# Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Ave., Los Angeles

- BeHere / 1942: A New Lens on the Japanese American Incarceration through October 9 Created by the visionary Japanese media artist Masaki Fujihata. Through careful curation of little-known photographs by Dorothea Lange and Russell Lee, some presented in hyperenlarged form or reimagined as video, BeHere / 1942 invites visitors to see things in the photographic archive that they never knew were there. Cutting-edge augmented reality (AR) technology takes the discovery a step further, inviting visitors to become photographers themselves, actually participating in the scene. <a href="https://www.janm.org/exhibits/behere1942">https://www.janm.org/exhibits/behere1942</a>
- Sutra and Bible: Faith and the Japanese American World War II Incarceration
  A Community's Spiritual Journey to Survive through November 27

**INFO:** <a href="https://www.janm.org/exhibits/sutra-and-bible">https://www.janm.org/exhibits/sutra-and-bible</a>

• The Interactive StoryFile of Lawson lichiro Sakai

INFO: https://www.janm.org/exhibits/lawson-sakai

ongoing

# **Oregon Historical Society**

1200 SW Park Ave., Portland, OR

Exhibit: Gambatte! Legacy of an Enduring Spirit

through August 7

Inspired by the Japanese concept of *gambatte* — to triumph over adversity — this exhibition features modern and historic photographs to present an intimate exploration of the lasting affect that the forced incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II had on the nation and its citizens. Features large-format contemporary photos taken by **Paul Kitagaki**, **Jr.**, displayed next to historic images shot by noted photographers that feature the same individuals or their direct descendants as the subject matter. **INFO**:

https://www.ohs.org/museum/exhibits/gambatte.cfm

#### **Visual Communications**

Virtual Exhibit: First Street North: Open

These living, continuously updated collections of personal stories, oral histories, and documentary footage, episodic story releases and in-person activations, capture the necessity of **Little Tokyo's First Street North** as a site of cultural, familial, and political importance.

INFO: https://fsnopen.vcmedia.org/

# Chinese American Museum of Chicago

238 West 3rd St., 4th Fl., Chicago, IL

Spotlight Series: *Priscilla Kar Yee Lo: Aiming to Please* through August 27
As a child of a Chinese immigrant family in North America, Priscilla was constantly reminded to be practical about her future. But after over a decade as a health care professional, she turned to creative outlets to find a voice and to explore her identity as a woman of color. She was drawn to glass because it is inherently paradoxical, constantly in a state of fragility and permanency.

**INFO**: https://ccamuseum.org/jul-16-opening-reception-of-priscilla-kar-yee-lo-aiming-to-please/

#### Museum of Chinese in America

215 Centre Street, New York, NY

With a Single Step – Stories in the Making of America

INFO: https://www.mocanyc.org/event/with-a-single-step/

www.mocanyc.org

through December 2023

# **Chinese Historical Society of America**

985 Clay St., San Francisco, CA

Chinese Pioneers: Power & Politics in Exclusion-Era Photographs

In collaboration with the California Historical Society, CHSA introduces the Cooper Chow collection of photographs that uses collection materials to highlight changing views of Chinese people in the illustrated press, photography, and art. Nineteenth-century depictions of Chinese Californians ranged from deeply derogatory imagery to exoticized and racialized works of art. *Chinese Pioneers* examines the visual record as a means for considering how culture influenced, aligned with, and diverged from the politics of Exclusion and the actions of the state. The new medium of photography played a particularly potent role in both Chinese people's interaction with mainstream culture and the government's fledgling systems of registration, identification, and surveillance of "aliens."

**INFO:** <a href="https://chsa.org/exhibits/chinese-pioneers-power-and-politics-in-exclusion-era-photographs/?mc\_cid=67bb6ac9dd&mc\_eid=1ad08d32f1">https://chsa.org/exhibits/chinese-pioneers-power-and-politics-in-exclusion-era-photographs/?mc\_cid=67bb6ac9dd&mc\_eid=1ad08d32f1</a>

# Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience

719 South King St., Seattle, WA

www.wingluke.org

- Where Beauty Lies through September 18, 2022 https://www.wingluke.org/exhibit-where-beauty-lies
- Woven Together: Stories of Burma/Myanmar through November 12, 2022 https://www.wingluke.org/exhibit-woven-together-stories-of-burma-myanmar
- Lunar New Year: Altars, Ancestors, Traditions, Blessings through January 8, 2023 https://www.wingluke.org/exhibit-2022-lunar-new-year-altars-ancestors-traditions-blessings
- We Are Changing the Tide: Community Power for Environmental Justice
- through February 19, 2023
- https://www.wingluke.org/exhibit-we-are-changing-the-tide

## TELEVISION PROGRAMS ON GBH

https://www.wgbh.org/schedule-grid

#### **Programs about Japan:**

- Asia Insight Tuesdays at 6:30 am or 1:30 pm WORLD
- Cycle Around Japan Highlights Fridays at 10 am or 5 pm CREATE
- Dining with the Chef Mondays at 9 am CREATE
- Journeys in Japan Sundays at 10:30 am CREATE
- Newsroom Tokyo Monday through Friday at 7 am WORLD
- NHK Newsline Monday through Friday at 6:30 pm WORLD
- Trails to Oishii Tokyo Sundays at 10 am CREATE

#### America's Test Kitchen

- Chinese Favorites Wednesday, August 10 at 3:30 pm CREATE
- Japanese-Inspired Favorites Wednesday, August 24 at 9:30 am, 12:30 pm or 4:30 pm –
   CREATE
- Weeknight Japanese Suppers Wednesday, August 31 at 11:30 am GBH44

Borneo – Islands of Wonder - Tuesday, August 9 at 3 pm – WORLD

#### Christopher Kimball's Milk Street Television

- Japanese Tuesday Nights Tuesday, August 2 at 8 pm CREATE
- Japanese Quick Cook Thursday, August 4 at 9:30 am, 12:30 pm or 4:30 pm CREATE
- Secrets of Thailand Monday, August 8 at 8:30 am or 7:30 pm GBH44
- Thailand North to South Tuesday, August 9 at 8:30 am or 7:30 pm GBH44
- Secrets of Thailand Tuesday, August 9 at 8 pm CREATE
- Thailand North to South Saturday, August 20 at 6:30 pm CREATE
- Taipei Cooking Lesson Tuesday, August 23 at 8 pm CREATE

#### Confucius Was A Foodie - CREATE

- Origins of the Beginnings Sunday, August 21 at 8 pm
- Confucius and the Origin of Food Philosophy Saturday, August 27 at 8 pm
- Celebrations, Ceremonies and the Dumpling Sunday, August 28 at 8 pm

# Cook's Country - Aloha Favorites - CREATE

- Tuesday, August 2 at 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, August 10 at 7:30 pm
- Saturday, August 13 at 4:30 pm

#### Family Ingredients (with chef Ed Kenney) - CREATE

- Japan Miso Soup Sunday, August 7 at 6 pm
- Puerto Rico Arroz Con Gandule Sunday, August 14 at 6 pm
- California Smoked Fish Sunday, August 21 at 6 pm
- Philippines Adobo Sunday, August 28 at 6 pm

# Finding Your Roots - Criminal Kind - Laura Linney, Lisa Ling and Soledad O'Brien

- Tuesday, August 30 at 8 pm GBH2
- Wednesday, August 31 at 12 pm GBH44

# Hawai'i - Islands of Wonder - Tuesday, August 9 at 4 pm - WORLD

# Himalayas - Kingdoms of the Sky - WORLD

- Thursday, August 11 at 7 pm
- Friday, August 12 at 10 am
- Thursday, August 18 at 11 am

# No Passport Required (with chef Marcus Samuelsson) - CREATE

- New Orleans Vietnamese community Friday, August 12 at 9 pm
- New Orleans Vietnamese community Saturday, August 13 at 10 am
- Seattle Filipino community Saturday, August 13 at 1 pm
- New Orleans Vietnamese community Sunday, August 14 at 12 pm
- Seattle Filipino community Sunday, August 14 at 3 pm
- Las Vegas Chinese community Sunday, August 14 at 8 pm
- New Orleans Vietnamese community Sunday, August 14 at 9 pm
- Seattle Filipino community Wednesday, August 17 at 9 pm

#### Samantha Brown's Places to Love

Hong Kong, China – Friday, August 19 at 10:30 am or 5:30 pm – CREATE

#### India: Nature's Wonderland - WORLD

- Wednesday, August 3 at 4 pm
- Thursday, August 4 at 4 pm

#### Sara's Weeknight Meals

- Asia Meets America Thursday, August 4 at 10:30 am GBH44
- Ginger Mixup Saturday, August 6 at 7 pm CREATE

#### Simply Ming

- Mondays at 7 pm CREATE
- Fridays at 7 pm CREATE
- Saturday, August 6 at 2 pm GBH2
- Sunday, August 7 at 2 pm GBH44
- Sundays at 5:30 pm CREATE

# Tell Me More with Kelly Corrigan

Ai-Jen Poo, Co-Founder & Director, Domestic Workers Alliance

- Friday, August 19 at 7 pm GBH2
- Friday, August 19 at 8:30 pm GBH44
- Sunday, August 21 at 8 am GBH44

# **Travels with Darley**

South Korea - Wednesday, August 17 at 10:30 am, 5:30 pm or 10:30 pm - CREATE