



## *New England Chapter News*

### *Japanese American Citizens League*

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Dear Readers,

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month and we have been flooded with information about events, both virtual and in-person. We hope you'll be able to take part in a few. GBH, our public broadcasting station in Boston, is offering an incredible selection of programs for all Asian Americans. We've devoted the last six pages of our newsletter to a listing of those broadcasts to make a handy AAPI TV Guide. Enjoy!

#### **New Study: Pandemic Impact on Asians in Boston**

The **Institute for Asian American Studies at UMass Boston** has released a report on Asian American experiences during the first year of the pandemic. Chinese, Vietnamese and South Asians with limited income and English proficiency were recruited for the study because they are often underrepresented in general surveys. It was found that a sizable proportion experienced financial loss, reduction in work hours, racial prejudice and other impacts.

For a copy:

[https://www.umb.edu/editor\\_uploads/images/centers\\_institutes/institute\\_asian\\_american\\_studies/publications/IAAS\\_COVID-19\\_Report\\_2022.pdf](https://www.umb.edu/editor_uploads/images/centers_institutes/institute_asian_american_studies/publications/IAAS_COVID-19_Report_2022.pdf)

#### ***Festivals, Programs, Events***

#### **Asian American and Pacific Islander 5K (AAPI 5K)**

Sunday, May 1 from 9 to 10 am

Starting at the Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, Boston

INFO: <https://www.facebook.com/events/307319534635361/>

#### **AAPI Heritage Celebration: Boston Red Sox vs. Los Angeles Angels**

Tuesday, May 3 at 7:10 pm

Fenway Park, 4 Jersey St., Boston

In conjunction with **Quincy Asian Resources, Inc.**, each ticket purchased through this special offer will receive a Red Sox AAPI Heritage t-shirt with "Boston" in many AAPI languages – available first-come, first-served. Arrive early to experience Dragon & Lion Dances and Taiko Drumming on Jersey St. and Polynesian dances on the Sam Deck! **INFO & Tickets:**

<https://www.mlb.com/redsox/tickets/promotions/themes/aapi-heritage?fevoUri=angels-at-red-sox-brbqnp-7aa0795%2F&partnerID=redirect-bos-aapiheritage>

#### **Poetry Reading: Jeffrey Yang and Fanny Howe**

Tuesday, May 3 at 7 pm

Porter Square Books: Boston Edition, 50 Liberty Dr., Boston

in-person or virtual

Hear from **Jeffrey Yang's** *Line and Light* and **Fanny Howe's** *Indivisible*. RSVP to attend in person: <https://www.portersquarebooks.com/event/joint-reading-jeffrey-yang-fanny-howe>

RSVP to attend virtually: <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/yang-howe-reading/register>

**Odaiko New England** - <https://onetaiko.org/web/>

- \* **Asian Lantern Spectacular**, Roger Williams Park Zoo, 1000 Elmwood Ave., Providence, RI  
Thursday May 5 at 8 pm and 9 pm
- \* **Celebrate Japan!**, Long Hill Garden, 572 Essex St., Beverly  
Saturday, May 21 from 10:30 to 11 am
- \* **Arlington Heights Spring Fest**, D'Agostino's Deli parking lot, 1297 Mass. Ave., Arlington  
Saturday, May 21 from 4:30 to 5 pm

**14th Annual Unity Dinner**

Friday, May 6 at 6 pm

**UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center, 50 Warren St., Lowell**Opening Remarks by **Erika Moritsugu**, Deputy Assistant to President Biden & AAPI Senior Liaison.Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Sue J. Kim**, Co-Director, Center for Asian American Studies, UMass Lowell.Honorees: **Heang Leung Rubin, EdD, MA**, Community Hero Award; **Yuri Kochiyama Cultural****Center at UMass Amherst**, Leadership for Inclusion & Diversity Award; and **Michael Liu**,Lifetime Achievement Award. Presented by the **Massachusetts Asian American and Pacific****Islanders Commission**. INFO & tickets: <https://aapicommission.org/unity-dinner-2022/>**New York City: Asian Comedy Fest**

Friday, May 6 &amp; Saturday, May 7

**Stand Up NY, 236 West 78<sup>th</sup> St., NYC**Features six shows with the best Asian American and Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander comedic talent spanning stand-up, sketch, music, and some never-before-seen surprises in a comedy festival. INFO: <https://asiancomedyfest.com/>**AAPI Heritage Festival**

Saturday, May 7 from 10 am to 4 pm

**Maria Hastings Elementary School, Cafeteria, 7 Crosby Rd., Lexington**Free Admission. INFO: <https://aapiwoburn.weebly.com/festival-information.html>**JACL National Webinar: *Play Ball:******The Japanese American Experience and the National Pastime***

Saturday, May 7 at 2 pm

Speakers will unravel the rich history of baseball and consider its significance for those who were wrongfully incarcerated during World War II. The lessons that resulted from that time will be examined in order to understand how diversity within the sport can be better fostered today.

- **Saki Mori** (Keynote Speaker) - JACL National Board Member, Interim President of JACL New York Chapter, and Alumnae Board & Council Member for Convent of Sacred Heart, NYC- **Bill Staples Jr.** (Moderator) - Historian, Author, Civil Rights Activist, Board Member of the Non-Profit Nisei Baseball Research Project (NBRP), and JACL Arizona Chapter President- **Don Wakamatsu** - Former Professional Baseball Player, Scout, Coach and Manager- **Kerry Yo Nakagawa** - Author, Filmmaker, Historian and Director of NBRP- **Brandon Zenimura** - Educator, Former Collegiate Player, Former High School Baseball Coach, and Great-Grandson of Kenichi ZenimuraRSVP by Thursday, May 5: [www.bit.ly/3MbZ8DP](http://www.bit.ly/3MbZ8DP)

**Webinar: Interview with Winter Olympian Tiffany Chin**

Saturday, May 7 at 12:30 pm (Pacific Time)

Tiffany Chin, Figure Skating Hall of Famer & First Chinese American Winter Olympian, shares her pioneering life story with the public for the very first time! NBC's **Chris Chen** moderates.

Register here:

[https://sdsu.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZUufu6ppzqrEtMWAXr\\_E0IK82eFiwg5LoI0](https://sdsu.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZUufu6ppzqrEtMWAXr_E0IK82eFiwg5LoI0)

**Book Talk: *Worlds Apart* by Mai Kim Le**

Monday, May 9 at 7 pm

in-person or virtual

Brookline Public Library, Hunneman Hall, 361 Washington St., Brookline

Brookline author **Mai Kim Le** will speak about the process of writing her memoir and the importance of creativity and self-expression. Copies of *Worlds Apart: My Personal Life Journey through Transcultural Poverty, Privilege & Passion* will be available for purchase and a book signing follows the talk. No registration required to attend in person.

Register to attend via Zoom:

<https://www.brookline.org/events/event/local-author-mai-kim-le/>

**GBH Celebrates AAPI Heritage Month**

Thursday, May 12

in-person 5:45 to 8:30 pm or virtual 6 to 7:30 pm

GBH Studios, 1 Guest St., Brighton

This year, GBH's community event focuses on the rich past and uncertain future of local and regional Asian American and Pacific Islander "affinity neighborhoods," including Boston and Chicago's Chinatowns, Little Saigon in Dorchester and other enclaves. Community leaders and filmmakers will discuss the challenges and triumphs of ethnic neighborhoods evolving over the decades and will describe how these vital centers offer tremendous benefits to their greater communities today. The panel includes:

- \* **Annie Le**, Board President, Boston Little Saigon
- \* **Penny Lee**, Co-Producer & Editor, *A Tale of Three Chinatowns*
- \* **Angie Liou**, Executive Director, Asian Community Development Corporation
- \* **Danielle Kim**, Director, Asian Community Fund, The Boston Foundation
- \* **Lisa Mao**, Director, Writer & Co-Producer, *A Tale of Three Chinatowns*

**Liz Cheng**, GBH's General Manager for Television, moderates.

The program includes selections from *A Tale of Three Chinatowns*, which will broadcast (May 23rd) on GBH WORLD's series, *Local, USA*.

Event is free/open to the public. Registration is required.

**INFO & registration:** [https://www.wgbh.org/events/celebrate-asian-american-and-pacific-islander-heritage-month-event-in-person-and-virtual?utm\\_source=sendgrid.com&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=website](https://www.wgbh.org/events/celebrate-asian-american-and-pacific-islander-heritage-month-event-in-person-and-virtual?utm_source=sendgrid.com&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=website)

**Virtual Picture Book Hour:*****Mako & Tiger: Two Not-So-Friendly Sharks***

Saturday, May 14 at 10:30 am

Story by **Scott Rothman** with illustrations by **Mika Song**

INFO &amp; registration:

<https://www.brooklinebooksmith.com/event/picture-book-hour-scott-rothman-and-mika-song>

**In-Person Book Talk:*****Asian Americans and Whites in Pursuit of the American Dream***

Monday, May 16 at 7 pm

Harvard Book Store, 1256 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge

Tufts University Sociology Professor **Natasha Warikoo's** book *Race to the Top: Asian Americans and Whites in Pursuit of the American Dream in Suburban Schools* shows us that white and Asian parents alike will do anything to help their children get to the top of the achievement pile. **INFO:** [https://www.harvard.com/event/natasha\\_warikoo/](https://www.harvard.com/event/natasha_warikoo/)

**Zoom Talk: *Justice Denied, A Personal Perspective***

Wednesday, May 18 at 7 pm

Morse Library, Natick

The story of the incarceration of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II will be shared by **Margie Yamamoto**, the former co-chair of the NE JACL. Margie was just two months old when her family was incarcerated. The illustrated presentation will feature more than a100 family and historic photos, many of them obtained through the U.S. government archives. **To register:**

<https://morseinstitute.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=6918&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/05/01>

**In-Person Book Talk: *Once Upon A K-Prom* by Kat Cho**

Wednesday, May 18 at 7 pm

Porter Square Books: Cambridge Edition, 25 White St., Cambridge

International best-selling author **Kat Cho** discusses her new YA romance novel with **Amanda Foody**. What would you do if the world's biggest K-pop star asked you to prom?.

**INFO & registration:** <https://www.portersquarebooks.com/event/kat-cho-amanda-foody-once-upon-k-prom>

**Virtual Book Talk: *Ma and Me: A Memoir* by Putsata Reang**

Thursday, May 19 at 7 pm

Harvard Book Store, 1256 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge

Author and journalist **Putsata Reang** discusses her memoir with **Meghna Chakrabarti**, host of WBUR's *On Point*. With rare clarity and lyric wisdom, *Ma and Me* is a stunning, deeply moving memoir about love, debt, and duty.

**INFO & registration:** [https://www.harvard.com/event/virtual\\_event\\_putsata\\_reang/](https://www.harvard.com/event/virtual_event_putsata_reang/)

**In-Person Book Talk: *Little Rabbit* by Alyssa Songsiridej**

Monday, May 23 at 7 pm

Harvard Book Store, 1256 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge

**Alyssa Songsiridej**, editor at Electric Literature, discusses her debut novel with **Hanna Halperin**. When the unnamed narrator of *Little Rabbit* first meets the choreographer at an artists' residency in Maine, it's not a match. But when he reappears in her life in Boston and invites her to his dance company's performance, she's compelled to attend.

**INFO:** [https://www.harvard.com/event/alyssa\\_songsiridej](https://www.harvard.com/event/alyssa_songsiridej)

**Concerts, Films, Performances****Film: *One Second***

Sunday, May 1 at 8:30 pm

Brattle Theatre, 40 Brattle St., Cambridge

China's Zhang Yimou offers a touching drama set against striking desert landscapes and marked by Zhang's characteristic flashes of humor.

INFO: <https://brattlefilm.org/movies/one-second/>**Performance: *Our Objects and Possibilities***

Friday, May 6 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm

Pao Arts Center, 99 Albany St., Boston Chinatown

*Our Objects and Possibilities* explores AAPI storytelling through performances of works by AAPI composers, interwoven with readings of works by AAPI writers. Presented in collaboration with Asian Musical Voices of America. Free, suggested donation: \$13. INFO &registration: <https://www.paoartscenter.org/events/2022/our-objects-and-possibilities>**Films: Annual Studio Ghibli Fest**\* Sunday, May 15, Monday, May 16 & Friday, May 18 – *Ponyo*\* Monday, June 26 & Tuesday, June 27 – *The Cat Returns* (20th Anniversary)

Enter your zip code in the "Location" box for a list of theaters near you.

INFO: <https://www.fathomevents.com/series/studio-ghibli-fest>**Boston Asian American Film Festival – Call for Submissions**

Early Bird Deadline: May 15 // Regular Deadline: June 15 // Final Deadline: July 15

INFO: [www.baaff.org](http://www.baaff.org) Submit here:[https://filmfreeway.com/baaff?action=show&controller=festivals&utm\\_campaign=Boston+Asian+American+Film+Festival&utm\\_medium=External&utm\\_source=Submission+Button](https://filmfreeway.com/baaff?action=show&controller=festivals&utm_campaign=Boston+Asian+American+Film+Festival&utm_medium=External&utm_source=Submission+Button)**Concert: Yazhi Guo with special guest Shin Daiko**

Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 pm (rain date: Wednesday, May 25)

Griffin Museum of Photography, Terrace, 67 Shore Rd., Winchester

Winchester AAPI Heritage Celebration's will feature Yazhi Guo, a famed player of the *suona* (a Chinese reed horn), and Shin Daiko, a contemporary taiko ensemble. Event is free/open to the public. Bring a picnic and a chair and enjoy the show. Sponsored by the Network for Social Justice, Winchester School of Chinese Culture, CAN-Win (Chinese American Network of Winchester), Winchester Cultural Council, and Winchester Cultural District.INFO: <https://www.shindaiko.com/event/winchester-aapi-heritage-celebration/>**Simu Liu: *We Were Dreamers* Book Tour**

Wednesday, June 1 at 7:30 pm

The Wilbur, 246 Tremont St., Boston

Simu Liu, the star of Marvel's first ever Asian superhero movie, *Shang Chi*, gives fans an inside look at growing up between cultures, battling stereotypes and landing the role of a lifetime. Joined on book tour by special guests, Simu will share inspiring insights into how we can all become the heroes of our own life stories. Tickets: \$40 to \$80. Ticket price includes a

copy of *We Were Dreamers: An Immigrant Superhero Origin Story* (a \$28 value). **INFO & tickets:** <https://thewilbur.com/artist/simu-liu/>

## **Museums & Exhibits**

### **Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art**

125 West Bay Rd., Amherst, MA

**Online Exhibit: *Asians, Everyday***

Grace Lin, award-winning children's book author and illustrator, curated this online exhibition, launched in May 2021 in honor of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. *Asians, Everyday* showcases positive Asian American representation. The selected artworks and books, featuring contemporary characters and stories, celebrate our common humanity by depicting Asian Americans living their everyday lives.

<https://carlemuseum.org/explore-art/exhibitions/online/asians-everyday>

### **The Noguchi Foundation & Garden Museum**

9-01 33rd Rd. (at Vernon Blvd.), Long Island City, New York

*No Monument: In the Wake of the Japanese American Incarceration* through May 15.

**INFO:** <https://www.noguchi.org/museum/exhibitions/view/no-monument-in-the-wake-of-the-japanese-american-incarceration/>

### **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:**

<https://www.icaboston.org/kusama-know-before-you-go>. There is a link to "Get Tickets" on the right side of that page.

### **Pao Arts Center**

99 Albany St., Boston Chinatown

\* *New Narratives: The Collective Imaginary*

May 27 through July 22

**Opening Reception: Friday, May 27 from 6 to 8 pm**

Our ability to dream and imagine our futures is greatly influenced by how we interpret our AAPI histories. Dreaming of more just and equitable realities can transform whole neighborhoods, communities, and societies, but we can only envision more inclusive and expansive social structures if we fully account for the conditions of our present and past, alongside other historically subordinated communities. **Artists: Niki Li, Ponnapa Prakkamakul, Micah Rosengrant, Jessica TranVo and Tran Vu.**

<https://www.paoartscenter.org/events/2022/newnarratives-thecollectiveimaginary>

\* **Online Exhibit: *Embodied Identities***

through September 30

<https://www.paoartscenter.org/events/2021/embodied-identities>

\* **Online Exhibit: *Homeward Bound: Global Intimacies in***

*Converging Chinatowns*

through December 31

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

**Worcester Art Museum**

55 Salisbury St., Worcester

*Kimono Couture: The Beauty of Chiso*

through July 3

INFO & video: <https://www.worcesterart.org/exhibitions/kimono-couture/>**Classes & Conventions****Kaji Aso Studio**\* Japanese Seasonal Song Class with Mikiko Sato  
4 Wednesdays – May 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 1 to 2:30 pm\* Japanese Calligraphy Classes with Michiko Imai  
4 Wednesdays – May 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 4 to 6 pm

40 Saint Stephen St., Boston

INFO: <https://www.kajiasostudioevents.com/>.**Odaiko New England**\* Sunday, May 1 from 9:30 to 11 am ..... *Introductory Taiko Workshop*\* 8 Sundays – May 8 to June 26 from 9:30 to 11 am ..... *Beginner Taiko Class*

Regent Underground Theatre, 7 Medford St., Arlington in-person, registration required

Workshop INFO: <https://onetaiko.org/web/classes/workshops/>Class INFO: <http://onetaiko.org/web/classes/recreational-taiko-class/>**Virtual Conference: Asian Communities' Access to a Healthy Future**

Tuesday, May 10 from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm

Theme of the 10th State of Women's Health in Massachusetts Conference is *Look Back to Move Forward: Asian Communities Access to a Healthy Future*. Keynote speaker is**Danielle Kim**, Director, Boston Foundation's Asian Community Fund; with special remarks by**Edward Markey**, US Senator for MA and **Ed Flynn**, Boston City Councilor, District 2.

Tickets: \$40 General Admission, \$20 Students &amp; Seniors.

Presented by **Asian Women for Health**: <https://www.asianwomenforhealth.org/>Conference INFO: [https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MTQ2NzY2](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTQ2NzY2)**National Genealogical Society Family History Conference**

Tuesday, May 24 to Saturday, May 28

in-person &amp; virtual

SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, 1400 J St., Sacramento, CA

The Conference will have a special focus Asian American genealogy and genealogy focused on the Western states. **Linda Harms Okazaki** is giving two talks about Japanese American genealogy and will be using Densho Executive Director **Tom Ikeda's** family story as one of her case studies. The programs will be offered in-person, online and on-demand.INFO & registration: <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/registration-and-information/>**52nd JACL National Convention – August 3-7**Las Vegas, NV – In-Person & Online. INFO: <https://jacl.org/2022-jacl-national-convention>**49th OCA National Convention – August 4-6**Las Vegas, NV. INFO: <https://www.ocanational.org/national-convention>

**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: <https://www.leadershipconvention.org>

**Elsewhere**

**2022 Incarceration Camp Pilgrimages**

- \* **Amache In-Person Pilgrimage, in-person** ..... Saturday, May 21  
<https://amache.org/pilgrimage/>
- \* **Amache Community Open House** ..... Thursday, June 30 to Friday, July 1  
<https://www.jampilgrimages.com/scheduleofevents/2022/6/30/amache-community-open-house>
- \* **Tule Lake Pilgrimage (Virtual)** ..... Friday, July 1 to Monday, July 4  
<https://www.jampilgrimages.com/scheduleofevents/2022/7/1/2022-tule-lake-pilgrimage-virtual>
- \* **Amache Project Public Open House** ..... Saturday, July 2  
Sponsored by the University of Denver  
<https://www.jampilgrimages.com/scheduleofevents/2022/7/2/university-of-denver-amache-project-public-open-house>
- \* **Heart Mountain Pilgrimage** ..... Thursday, July 28 to Saturday, July 30  
<https://www.jampilgrimages.com/scheduleofevents/2022/7/28/2022-heart-mountain-pilgrimage>

**Visual Communications**

38th Annual Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival – May 5-14

<https://festival.vcmedia.org/2022/>

**Center for Asian American Media**

CAAMFest40 – San Francisco - May 12-22

<https://caamedia.org/about-caam/>

**Japanese American National Museum**

100 North Central Ave., Los Angeles

\* **BeHere / 1942: A New Lens on the Japanese American Incarceration** opens May 7

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 hyper-enlarged form or reimaged 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. <https://www.janm.org/exhibits/behere1942>

\* **Sutra and Bible: Faith and the Japanese American World War II Incarceration**  
**A Community’s Spiritual Journey to Survive** through November 27

INFO: <https://www.janm.org/exhibits/sutra-and-bible>

\* **The Interactive StoryFile of Lawson Ichihiro Sakai** ongoing

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



### **Jewish Museum Milwaukee**

1360 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee, WI

*Then They Came for Me: Incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II and the Demise of Civil Liberties*

through May 29

Related Events (in person or virtual):

Fee: \$5 Museum members; \$10 Non-members

\* *Japanese American Activism, Civil Rights and Broader Immigration Issues*

Thursday, May 12 at 7 pm (Central Time)

<https://jewishmuseummilwaukee.org/events/activism-immigration/>

\* *Intergenerational Trauma Stemming from Incarceration*

Thursday, May 19 at 7 pm (Central Time)

<https://jewishmuseummilwaukee.org/events/intergenerational-trauma/>

\* *442nd Regimental Combat Team and Segregation in the Military*

Wednesday, May 25 at 7 pm (Central Time)

<https://jewishmuseummilwaukee.org/events/442nd/>

INFO: <https://jewishmuseummilwaukee.org/exhibits/then-they-came-for-me/>

### **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: <https://jamo.org/exhibits/na-omi-shintani-dream-refuge/>

### **Academy Museum of Motion Pictures**

6067 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA

*Hayao Miyazaki*

through June 5

INFO: <https://www.academymuseum.org/en/exhibitions/hayao-miyazaki>

### **Chinese Historical Society of America**

965 Clay St., San Francisco, CA

[www.chsa.org](http://www.chsa.org)

\* **Online Exhibits** – These online exhibits make the social, cultural and political history and contributions of the Chinese in America more widely available to the general public.

<https://chsa.org/exhibits/online-exhibits/>

\* *We Are Bruce Lee: Under One Sky, One Family*

opened April 24

This multimedia collaboration between the Bruce Lee Foundation, top collectors of Bruce Lee memorabilia, and a team of artistic innovators celebrates the remarkable life of a Chinese American icon who transcended race, geography and culture through uncanny strength and resilience. INFO: <https://www.wearebrucelee.org/>

### **Museum of Chinese in America**

215 Centre Street, New York, NY

[www.mocanyc.org](http://www.mocanyc.org)

*With a Single Step – Stories in the Making of America*

through December 2023

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

### **National Portrait Gallery**

8th & G Streets NW, Washington DC

*Hung Liu: Portraits of Promised Lands*

through May 30

INFO: <https://npg.si.edu/exhibition/hung-liu-portraits-promised-lands>

### **Television Programs on WGBH**

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

#### ***A Dream in Doubt*** – WORLD

Focuses on Sikh Americans living in Phoenix, Arizona, a close-knit community of families who experienced a wave of frightening hate crimes in the aftermath of 9/11. In the end, this moving portrait of one man's odyssey from persecution in India to embracing America as his homeland proves that courage and hope have the power to overcome hate.

\* **Saturday, April 30 at 10 am or 4 pm**

\* **Thursday, May 12 at 7 am or 2 pm**

#### ***Geographies of Kinship - Special Pre-Broadcast Conversation***

**Saturday, May 14 at 9 pm**

Virtual event explores the little-known history of African American servicemen who were among the first U.S. citizens to adopt Korean children. Event features **Prof. Kori Graves**, author of ***A War Born Family: African American Adoption in the Wake of the Korean War*** in conversation with Korean adoptees **Dr. Estelle Cooke-Sampson**, **Lisa Jackson** and filmmaker **Deann Borshay Liem**. Moderated by **Prof. Kim Park Nelson** with welcoming remarks by WORLD Channel Executive Producer **Chris Hastings**. **INFO & registration:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/geographies-of-kinship-pre-broadcast-conversation-tickets-321047219877>

#### ***America Reframed: Geographies of Kinship*** – WORLD

In this powerful tale about the rise of Korea's global adoption program, four adult adoptees return to their country of birth and recover the personal histories that were lost when they were adopted.

\* **Thursday, May 19 at 8 pm**

\* **Friday, May 20 at 3 pm**

\* **Saturday, May 21 at 10 pm**

\* **Sunday, May 22 at 9 am or 5 pm**

#### ***America Reframed: Chinatown Rising*** – WORLD

A chronicle of the battles for social justice in the historic San Francisco neighborhood told through rare archival footage, photos and interviews of the community's leaders and activists from the 1960s.

\* **Thursday, May 26 at 8 pm**

\* **Friday, May 27 at 3 pm**

\* **Saturday, May 28 at 10 pm**

\* **Sunday, May 29 at 9 am or 5 pm**

#### ***American Experience: Mr. Tornado***

Pioneering meteorologist **Ted Fujita** transformed our understanding of tornados. His technological advancements saved lives and helped Americans prepare for and respond to dangerous weather phenomena.

\* **Saturday, May 7 at 8 pm – WORLD**

\* **Friday, May 13 at 9:30 pm – WGBH44**

\* **Saturday, May 14 at 10:30 pm – WGBH44**

\* **Monday, May 16 at 12 pm – WGBH44**

***American Experience: Plague at the Golden Gate***

This solo directorial debut of acclaimed film editor **Li-Shin Yu** takes us back to turn-of-the 20th-century San Francisco, when a deadly outbreak of bubonic plague in the city's Chinatown and the hunt to identify its source led to an all-too-familiar spate of violent anti-Asian sentiment.

\* **Tuesday, May 24 at 9 pm** – WGBH2

\* **Saturday, May 28 at 8 pm** – WORLD

\* **Wednesday, May 25 at 12 pm** – WGBH44

\* **Sunday, May 29 at 9 pm** – WGBH44

\* **Saturday, May 28 at 6 pm** – WGBH44

***American Experience: The Chinese Exclusion Act***

Examine the origin, history and impact of the 1882 law that made it illegal for Chinese workers to come to America and for Chinese nationals already here ever to become U.S. citizens. It remained in force for more than 60 years.

\* **Sunday, May 8 at 8 pm** – WGBH44

***American Masters: Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir***

\* **Sunday, May 1 at 6 pm** – WGBH2

\* **Saturday, May 7 at 8:30 pm** – WGBH44

\* **Thursday, May 5 at 9 pm** – WGBH2

\* **Saturday, May 21 at 9 am or 3 pm** –

\* **Friday, May 6 at 12 pm** – WGBH44

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***American Masters: Waterman – Duke: Ambassador of Aloha***

Discover the inspiring story and considerable impact of five-time Olympic medalist **Duke Kahanamoku**. He shattered swimming records and globalized surfing while overcoming racism in a lifetime of personal challenges.

\* **Tuesday, May 10 at 9 pm** – WGBH2

\* **Saturday, May 14 at 8 pm** – WORLD

\* **Wednesday, May 11 at 12 pm** – WGBH44

\* **Sunday, May 15 at 4 pm** – WGBH2

\* **Saturday, May 14 at 6 pm** – WGBH44

\* **Sunday, May 15 at 9:30 pm** – WGBH44

***American Masters: Tyrus Wong***

Discover the art, life and enduring impact of **Tyrus Wong**, the renowned Chinese-American painter behind *Bambi* and *Rebel Without a Cause*, via new and never-before-seen interviews, movie clips and art. Wong once exhibited with Picasso and Matisse.

\* **Tuesday, May 17 at 10 pm** – WGBH2

\* **Saturday, May 21 at 8 pm** – WORLD

\* **Friday, May 20 at 9:30 pm** – WGBH44

\* **Sunday, May 22 at 9 pm** – WGBH44

***Armed with Language*** - WORLD

Tells the story of how a little-known military intelligence school in Minnesota played a pivotal role in ending World War II. The institution trained more than 6,000 Japanese Americans, or Nisei, to be translators, interrogators, and Japanese military specialists. After decades of being classified, the story of their courage, sacrifice, and valor is finally being told.

\* **Monday, May 30 at 7 pm**

\* **Tuesday, May 31 at 8 am**

***Asian Americans – Breaking Ground*** - WORLD

\* **Sunday, May 1 at 10 pm**

\* **Monday, May 2 at 10 am**

***Asian Americans – A Question of Loyalty*** - WORLD

\* **Sunday, May 8 at 10 pm**

\* **Monday, May 9 at 10 am**

***Asian Americans – Good Americans*** - WORLD

\* Sunday, May 15 at 10 pm

\* Monday, May 16 at 10 am

***Asian Americans – Generation Rising*** - WORLD

\* Sunday, May 22 at 10 pm

\* Monday, May 23 at 10 am

***Asian Americans – Breaking Through*** - WORLD

\* Sunday, May 29 at 10 pm

\* Monday, May 30 at 10 am

***At One with Nature:******National Parks of Japan*** ...Tuesdays at 10 am, 5 pm or 11 pm - CREATE

\* May 3 – Towada-Hachimantai

\* May 17 – Ise-Shima

\* May 10 - Keramashoto

\* May 24 – Aso-Kuju

***Betrayed: Surviving An American Concentration Camp***

Tells the story of a group of Japanese Americans and their incarceration by the U.S. government during World War II. It also explores the long-term effects of this incarceration and the phenomenon of intergenerational trauma. More than 40 camp survivors and descendants bring an unparalleled immediacy and urgency to the story.

\* Friday, May 6 at 8 pm - WORLD

\* Saturday, May 7 at 9 am or 3 pm – WORLD

***Bloodline*** is an intimate profile of Vietnamese-American chef **Tu David Phu** and the evolution of his culinary aesthetic - borne from a bloodline that traces back through childhood and his family's unspoken history of war.

\* Wednesday, May 18 at 7 pm – WORLD

\* Thursday, May 19 at 8 am – WORLD

***Enemy of the Reich: The Noor Inayat Khan Story***

In August of 1943, the last surviving clandestine radio operator in Paris desperately signaled London. Everything depended on her and the Gestapo was at the door. How did a Sorbonne educated musician and author of a book of fairy tales become a daring spy who died fighting the Nazis? With an American mother and Indian Muslim father, **Noor Inayat Khan** was an extremely unusual British agent, and her life spent growing up in a Sufi center of learning in Paris seemed an unlikely preparation for the dangerous work to come. Yet it was in this place of universal peace and contemplation that her remarkable courage was forged.

\* Friday, May 6 at 7 pm – WORLD

\* Saturday, May 7 at 8 am or 2 pm -  
WORLD***Finding Your Roots: Reporting on the Reporters*****Christiane Amanpour, Ann Curry and Lisa Ling**

\* Tuesday, May 3 at 8 pm – WGBH2

\* Sunday, May 8 at 10 pm – WGBH44

\* Wednesday, May 4 at 12 pm – WGBH44

***Finding Your Roots: Dreaming of a New Land*****Marisa Tomei, Sheryl Sandberg and Kal Penn**

\* Tuesday, May 31 at 8 pm – WGBH2

**Hayao Miyazaki: 10 Years with the Master** – WORLD

- \* Saturday, May 7 at 7 pm or Thursday, May 12 at 11 am – *Ponyo is Here*
- \* Saturday, May 14 at 7 pm or Thursday, May 19 at 11 am – *Drawing What's Real*
- \* Saturday, May 21 at 7 pm or Thursday May 26 at 11 am – *Go Ahead, Threaten Me*
- \* Saturday, May 28 at 7 pm or Thursday, June 2 at 11 am – *No Cheap Excuses*

**Independent Lens: Try Harder!**

San Francisco's Lowell High, one of the best public schools in the country, draws high achievers from across the city into a fiercely competitive universe. Follow seniors as the pressure to impress admissions officers at elite universities intensifies.

- \* Monday, May 2 at 10 pm – WGBH2
- \* Wednesday, May 4 at 7:30 pm – WORLD
- \* Saturday, May 7 at 12 pm – WORLD
- \* Saturday, May 7 at 7 pm – WGBH44
- \* Sunday, May 8 at 4 pm – WGBH2

**Independent Lens: The People vs. Agent Orange**

Follow Vietnamese activist **Tran To Nga**, who, in a French court, is suing the American chemical industry for poisoning her and her family in Vietnam. And in Oregon, Carol Van Strum battles to stop the ongoing spraying of toxins by the timber industry.

- \* Wednesday, May 25 at 7 pm – WORLD
- \* Thursday, May 26 at 8 am – WORLD

**Independent Lens: One Child Nation** – WORLD

China's one-child policy forever changed the lives of mothers and children. Inspired by the birth of her first child, filmmaker **Nanfu Wang** returns to China to speak with her mother and brother, and explore the ripple effect of this social experiment.

- \* Wednesday, May 25 at 8:30 pm
- \* Thursday, May 26 at 9:30 am
- \* Saturday, May 28 at 12 pm

**Ito Sisters: An American Story**

Explore the lives of three Nisei sisters from the Sacramento Delta, from their childhood on a farm in the Delta to their internment during WWII and beyond.

- \* Sunday, May 1 at 11 pm – WORLD
- \* Monday, May 2 at 11 am – WORLD

**Local USA: A Tale of Three Chinatowns**

Explore the survival of Chinatowns in Washington, D.C., Chicago, and Boston. Through the voices of residents, developers and many others, the film looks at the forces altering each community and the challenges that go with them.

- \* Monday, May 23 at 8 pm – WORLD
- \* Tuesday, May 24 at 9 am – WORLD
- \* Friday, May 27 at 12:30 pm – WGBH44
- \* Saturday, May 28 at 8 pm – WGBH44
- \* Sunday, May 29 at 12:30 pm or 4 pm – WORLD

**No Passport Required – Las Vegas, NV**

Explore Las Vegas and its deep-rooted Chinese community, from the Strip's neon-lit casinos to modest shopping malls. Chef Marcus Samuelsson learns about diverse food traditions and meets a new wave of chefs transforming their parents' cuisine.

- \* Saturday, May 28 at 9:30 pm – WGBH44

***Norman Mineta and His Legacy: An American Story***

Meet the statesman who served as cabinet secretary for Presidents Clinton and George W. Bush. Imprisoned by the U.S. during World War II for his Japanese ancestry, Mineta rose to become the first Asian American to serve in a presidential cabinet.

\* **Saturday, May 7 at 9 pm – WORLD**

***Pacific Heartbeat – WORLD***

\* **Monday, May 2 at 7 pm – *The Healer Stones of Kapaemahu***

\* **Monday, May 9 at 7 pm – *Tokyo Hula***

\* **Monday, May 16 at 2 pm – *For My Father's Kingdom***

\* **Monday, May 16 at 3 pm – *Stan***

\* **Monday, May 16 at 4 pm – *Anote's Ark***

\* **Monday, May 16 at 7 pm – *American Aloha: Hula Beyond Hawai'i***

\* **Tuesday, May 17 at 2 pm – *Power Meri***

\* **Tuesday, May 17 at 3 pm – *Born This Way: Awa's Story & the Rogers***

\* **Tuesday, May 17 at 4 pm – *Prison Songs***

\* **Wednesday, May 18 at 2 pm – *Leitis in Waiting***

\* **Wednesday, May 18 at 3 pm – *Te Khane O Te Tupina (The Spirit of the Ancestors)***

\* **Wednesday, May 18 at 4 pm – *Corridor Four***

\* **Monday, May 23 at 7 pm – *Na Kamalei: The Men of Hula***

***P.O.V. - American Revolutionary: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs -***

**Grace Lee Boggs** was a Chinese American philosopher, writer and activist in Detroit with a thick FBI file and a surprising vision of what an American revolution could be. Rooted in 75 years of the labor, civil rights and Black Power movements, she challenged a new generation to throw off old assumptions, think creatively and redefine revolution for our times.

\* **Wednesday, May 18 at 7:30 pm - WORLD**

\* **Thursday, May 19 at 8:30 am - WORLD**

***P.O.V. – Still Tomorrow***

A village woman without a high school diploma has become China's most famous poet. Meet the breakout writer **Yu Xihua**, a woman with cerebral palsy, poignantly weaving her personal story with that of an ascendant, urbanizing China.

\* **Friday, May 20 at 7 pm - WORLD**

\* **Saturday, May 21 at 8 am - WORLD**

***P.O.V. – Singing with Angry Bird***

**Jae-chang Kim**, nicknamed "Angry Bird," runs a children's choir in Pune, India. Their parents, however, are reluctant to let them sing instead of work. To convince them, Angry Bird decides to train everyone to sing for a joint concert.

\* **Saturday, May 21 at 2 pm - WORLD**

\* **Wednesday, May 25 at 11 am - WORLD**

***Rising Against Asian Hate: One Day in March***

Following the aftermath of the March 2021 mass shootings at three spas in Atlanta, this film chronicles how the Asian American community came together to fight back against hate and explores the struggles and triumphs of AAPI communities.

\* **Tuesday, May 31 at 9 pm – WGBH2**

***Road Food – Houston, TX – Viet-Cajun Crawfish & Beef Pho***

Relatively new, this Asian-inspired food craze is also a story of Vietnamese refugee immigration. In Houston and along the coast, Vietnamese culture infuses the traditional Texas landscape, bringing together Gulf and Vietnamese influences and ingredients for a delicious Houston original. \* **Friday, May 20 at 6:30 pm or 8:30 pm - CREATE**

***Shinmachi: Stronger Than a Tsunami*** shares the resilience of a unique Japanese community in Hilo, Hawaii. Their stories bring to life the once-thriving small business district founded by Japanese immigrant plantation laborers who made the bold decision to establish their economic independence from the sugar industry.

\* **Sunday, May 22 at 11 pm – WORLD**

\* **Monday, May 23 at 11 am – WORLD**

***tasteMAKERS – Den Sake Brewery, Oakland, California***

**Yoshihiro Sako** uses time-honored Japanese techniques to brew small-batch sake using single-origin rice grown on Rue & Forsman ranch in the Sacramento Valley. With a focus on crafting sake that is meant to pair with northern California's renowned cuisine, Yoshi works with the region's sommeliers and shop owners to bring the beautifully ephemeral flavor of sake to the American table. \* **Sunday, May 8 at 6 pm - CREATE**

***Tell Me More with Kelly Corrigan***

**Richard Lui**, journalist & author

\* **Sunday, May 8 at 7:30 pm – WORLD**

***To Dine For With Kate Sullivan***

**Leila Janah**, Social Entrepreneur, Samasource

\* **Sunday, May 29 at 12:30 pm – WGBH2**

***Unsettled History: America, China and the Doolittle Tokyo Raid***

examines a key moment in American/Chinese history from the perspectives of the children of both the "Doolittle Raiders" and the Chinese villagers who aided in their rescue. In doing so, the film explores how a shared event can be remembered in different ways, and what lessons this history may hold for today.

\* **Monday, May 30 at 8 pm – WORLD**

\* **Tuesday, May 31 at 9 am - WORLD**