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SUMPTUOUS SUMMER AT ASIAN ART MUSEUM: FOOD, FUN, AND UNFORGETTABLE *TREASURES*

In honor of *Emperors' Treasures: Chinese Art from the National Palace Museum, Taipei*, a feast for the senses awaits audiences of all ages: tasting menus by local chefs, foodie-themed tours, on-site artist demos, family art activities and more!

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25, 2016 — A summer of fun for everyone awaits visitors to the Asian Art Museum from June 17 to Sept. 18. The centerpiece of the museum's 50th anniversary celebration, the **once-in-a-generation exhibition** *Emperors' Treasures: Chinese Art from the National Palace Museum, Taipei*, features nearly 150 imperial masterworks, many of which are making their North American debut.

Visitors will discover delicate paintings, exquisite ceramics, and ornate jades created by and for the imperial family and passed from dynasty to dynasty for 800 years. In addition, a trove of events and programs inspired by *Emperors' Treasures* offers visitors hands-on opportunities to **learn more, hear more, see more, eat more and even make more!**

Pre-registration is on-site and day-of; for further event details, visit: www.asianart.org

Get your hands dirty: workshops and artist demos showcase living traditions

*Emperors' Treasures Workshops: **Calligraphy** with Master Cai Xingyi*

Saturday, Jul 23, 1–3:30 PM; Saturday, Aug 27, 1–3:30 PM

Free with admission, pre-registration required.

*Emperors' Treasures Workshops: **Ceramics** with Dottie Low*

Saturday, Aug 6, 1–4 PM

Free with admission, pre-registration required.

Teacher Workshop: Emperors' Treasures

Saturday, Aug 13, 9:30 AM–2:30 PM

\$15 (free for Teacher Members)

Join educators on a tour of the exhibition and hear about the Qing Empress Dowager Cixi from children's book author Natasha Yim. Enjoy a brush-painting workshop and receive curriculum resources, a signed book, a continental breakfast and light lunch.

Dream of the Red Chamber

Thursday, Aug 18, 6:30–8:30 PM

Free with admission (admission \$5 after 5 PM)

Learn more about **San Francisco Opera's** world premiere performance commission of *Dream of the Red Chamber*, based on the classic Qing-dynasty novel. Hear from composer Bright Sheng and experience a preview of excerpts from the opera.

Emperors' Treasures Workshops: Poetry with Ronald Egan

Saturday, Aug 20, 2–4 PM

Free with admission, pre-registration required.

Emperors' Treasures Workshops: Genealogy with Grant Din

Saturday, Sep 10, 1–4 PM

Free with admission, pre-registration required.

Grant Din, community relations director at the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation, shares the genealogy of his family and guides visitors on how to research their own family trees.

Emperors' Treasures Workshops: Ceramics with Dottie Low

Saturday, Sep 17, 1–4 PM

Free with admission, pre-registration required.

Local artists invited to TAKEOVER museum for immersive art-making

天圓地方 *Patterns of Heaven & Earth*

Artists Drawing Club with Nick Dong

Thursday, Jul 28, 6:30–9 PM

Free with admission (admission \$5 after 5 PM)

Artist Nick Dong explores the patterns that come together to form culture and create language with an **immersive, interactive installation** that invokes ancient Chinese iconography of heaven and earth.

TAKEOVER: Anthony Myint and Karen Leibowitz

Thursday, Aug 4, 6–9 PM

Free with admission (admission \$5 after 5 PM)

Husband-and-wife restaurateurs Anthony Myint and Karen Leibowitz take over the museum and share the ideas, strategies and motivations behind The Perennial, a new restaurant and bar dedicated to environmental sustainability.

Family fun days make the museum a one-stop shop for in-the-know parents

Family Fun Days

First and third Sundays (Aug 7 and 21; Sep 4 and 18), 10:30 AM–2:30 PM

stART Tour for kids ages 3–6: 10:30–11 AM

Art making and self-guided activities: 11 AM–2 PM

Free with museum admission!

On Family Fun Days, our gallery activities, creative art projects and immersive storytelling make art appreciation a lively, family-friendly event. Themes and projects change regularly, so visit again and again.

- Aug 7, 10:30-11:15 AM: local kids' music icon *Alphabet Rockers* hosts a special Family Fun Day filled with art, music, beatboxing, dance and performance.
- Aug 21, Sep 4 and Sep 18: explore rare masterpieces from imperial China and create artwork inspired by the special exhibition.

“Priceless pork belly”: See it. Eat it. Make it. YUM.

An icon in its homeland, the celebrated Qing-dynasty “meat-shaped stone” will make its U.S. debut as part of *Emperors' Treasures*. The stone — a hunk of jasper carved and dyed to resemble a portion of braised pork belly fresh from the pot — exemplifies how food, just like art, is a beautiful way to share culture.

In tribute to this “Priceless Pork Belly”, 13 San Francisco chefs, including Brandon Jew of Mister Jiu's, Anthony Myint of Mission Chinese Food and Michelle Mah of The Slanted Door, have created signature pork belly dishes inspired by the uniquely appealing masterpiece. These dishes will be featured in their restaurants for a month-long porkfest starting June 17.

You can also celebrate pork at two special events hosted at the museum which explore the connections between art and cuisine:

Tasting Menu: The Chairman

Thursday, Jun 23, 6:30–9 PM

Free with admission (admission \$5 after 5 PM)

PORK: A Tribute to the Masterpiece and *Dongpo Rou*

Thursday, Jul 7, 6–9 PM

Free with admission (admission \$5 after 5 PM)

Feast your eyes on fascinating works of art, and sink your teeth into some food for thought (not to mention a tasty sample)!

See it. Eat it. Make it, at: www.asianart.org/pork.

ABOUT THE ASIAN ART MUSEUM

The Asian Art Museum—Chong-Moon Lee Center for Asian Art and Culture is one of San Francisco's premier arts institutions and home to a world-renowned collection of more than 18,000 Asian art treasures spanning 6,000 years of history. Through rich art experiences, centered on historic and contemporary artworks, the Asian Art Museum unlocks the past for visitors, bringing it to life while serving as a catalyst for new art, new creativity and new thinking.

Information: 415.581.3500 or www.asianart.org

Location: 200 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

Hours: The museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 AM to 5 PM. Hours are extended on Thursdays until 9 PM through Oct. 8. Closed Mondays, as well as New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Access: The Asian Art Museum is wheelchair accessible. For more information regarding access: 415.581.3598; TDD: 415.861.2035.

Street parking is free on Sundays, making a visit to the museum both fun and affordable.

Never miss a moment! *#AsianArtMuseum* *#PricelessPorkBelly*

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