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USC Pacific Asia Museum Announces Children's Programming for spring 2019



PASADENA, CA (April 9, 2019) – The USC Pacific Asia Museum is proud to announce a slate of children's programming for the spring 2019 season. Under the “Kids@PAM” initiative, this children's programming expands on the family programming already offered at the museum.

The season kicks off with a *PAM@theLibrary*, in partnership with the Pasadena Central Library, where children explore an Asian culture through storytelling, followed by an art activity. This free program is geared towards elementary aged

children and offered on the last Monday of the month. After the success of last summer's *Baby and Me Tour*, the museum has made this tour every third Saturday of the month. The tour allows parents and caregivers a chance to let their babies be exposed to art in a safe stress free environment before the museum opens to the public, while enjoying adult conversation. Another summer offering, *Storytime and Art*, is geared towards preschoolers. They will listen to a story in the galleries, discover a work of art in the collection, and create their own mini masterpiece to take home. Lastly, the museum is introducing *Teen Night*, an event for teens with activities programmed by the USC PAM Teen Ambassadors! With eleven Teen Ambassadors working with the Education Department, *Teen Night* aims to engage local teens with the museum through hands-on art making, music, food, gallery activities, and more.

"One of the best ways for children to have a rich experience visiting a museum is to have programming tailored to their age group that allows them to explore with their families and friends in a comfortable and creative setting." says Valentina Quezada, Youth and Family Programs Specialist, and creator of the USC PAM's children's programming. "Our educational programming allows for play in a safe environment for them to better appreciate the arts and cultures of Asia & the Pacific Islands."

Summer 2019 Children's Programming

Baby and Me Tour, ages 0-2

- Saturday, April 20 (10-11am);
- Saturday, May 18 (10-11am);
- Saturday, June 15 (10-11am)

Join other moms, dads, and caregivers for an engaging docent led tour of the museum! Tours start before public hours and fussy babies (0-2 years) are welcome! Parking is provided for larger strollers. Free with admission.

PAM@theLibrary, ages 4+

Location: Pasadena Central Library

- Monday, April 29 (3:30 pm – 4:30 pm)
- Monday, May 20 (3:30 pm – 4:30 pm)
- Monday, June 24 (1:00 pm – 2:00 pm)

Join educators from the USC Pacific Asia Museum as we explore Asian cultures, arts, and practices through storytelling and hands-on art making! Discover stories told through the eyes of children and engage in creating a work of art inspired by one of the many cultures of Asia and the Pacific Islands. Free and open to all elementary school aged children.

Storytime and Art, ages 3-5

- Friday, June 14 (11:00am-12:15pm)

Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to explore Asian cultures, arts, and practices through storytelling and hands-on art making! Listen to a story in the galleries, learn about a work of art, and create your own mini masterpiece inspired by one of the many cultures of Asia and the Pacific Islands. New stories and projects each month! Free for kids, adults free with admission.

TeenNight@PAM, ages 13+

- Friday, May 17 (6:00pm – 8:00pm)

Teens are invited to a special evening of exploring the museum with activities programmed by the USC PAM Teen Ambassadors. Enjoy food, music, art making, and more! Free and open to 6th-12th grade students with valid school ID.

About the USC Pacific Asia Museum:

USC Pacific Asia Museum is Southern California's only museum exclusively devoted to the arts of Asia and the Pacific, and the only U.S. university museum dedicated to the subject. Since 1971, the museum's mission is to further intercultural understanding through the arts of Asia and the Pacific Islands. The museum holds a collection of more than 17,000 items from across Asia and the Pacific Islands, spanning more than 5,000 years.

Admission:

Members: Free; General Admission: \$10; Students with I.D.: \$7; Seniors (65+): \$7; Children under 12: Free; USC Staff, Faculty & Students: Free; Admission is free every Thursday from 5pm to 8pm

Hours:

Wednesday - Sunday: 11-5PM; Thursdays: 11-8PM; Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays

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