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Bowers Museum's Dazzling Titanium Garden Exhibition Enters Final Days



Earth (地), from the Four Elements group
Titanium, diamonds, wood, plaster, diatomaceous earth, mineral pigments, and acrylic paint

Santa Ana, CA (April 1, 2025) – After months of captivating visitors with its radiant tribute to nature and innovation, *The Eternal Garden: Titanium Art by Aka Chen* **will close at Bowers Museum on Sunday, April 13, 2025**. This groundbreaking exhibition, the first U.S. solo show by acclaimed Taiwanese artist Aka Chen, has drawn praise for its breathtaking fusion of traditional aesthetics and contemporary craftsmanship.

To commemorate the closing of this exceptional exhibition, Bowers Museum **will host a special lecture** on Sunday, April 13 at 1:30 pm in the Norma Kershaw Auditorium. Art historian Dr. Xu Yang will present “The Art and Cultural Legacy of Chinese Gardens”, offering deeper insight into the themes that inspired Chen’s titanium masterpieces.

Immediately following the lecture, **an exclusive VIP reception will be held** for Bowers Museum Patrons and above, celebrating the success of *The Eternal Garden* and the generous supporters who make exhibitions like this possible.

Presented in collaboration with the artist and international partners, *The Eternal Garden* features over 20 titanium works—ranging from delicate vases to expansive polyptychs—each

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evoking the spirit of classical gardens through shimmering metalwork, dynamic flora, and poetic forms.

For lecture registration and general museum information, **visit [bowers.org/akachen](https://www.bowers.org/akachen)**.

About Aka Chen:

Aka Chen, born in 1965, is a prominent Taiwanese artist renowned for his innovative work with titanium. He established his jewelry studio, AKACHEN, in Taipei in 1989. Aka Chen's artistic journey is deeply influenced by Eastern philosophy, particularly Confucianism, Buddhism, and Taoism, which is reflected in his intricate titanium jewelry designs. His work is known for integrating traditional Chinese aesthetics with modern techniques, creating pieces that evoke the tranquility and beauty of nature. His pieces have garnered international acclaim, being showcased globally, collected by European royal families, and worn by Hollywood celebrities.



Exhibition Details:

Location: Bowers Museum, 2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dates: November 16, 2024 – April 13, 2025

Admission: Free with General Admission to the museum (\$18 adults/ \$15 students and seniors). Tickets at [bowers.org](https://www.bowers.org).

The Eternal Garden: Titanium Art by Aka Chen is organized by Bowers Museum. Major support for the exhibition is provided by the Taiwan Academy of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Los Angeles and the Ministry of Culture (Taiwan). Additional support is provided by Anne and Long Shung Shih, and AUO Display Plus America Corporation.

About Bowers Museum:

Located in Santa Ana, California, Bowers Museum has been enriching lives through the world's finest arts and culture for over 80 years. Voted best museum in Orange County for the past 31 years (2024), Bowers Museum is committed to promoting education and understanding by bringing the world's great cultural art to Southern California. Learn more at [bowers.org](https://www.bowers.org).

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