

BOWERS MUSEUM

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# PROGRAM GUIDE

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024



*Rejoice*

IN THE *Splendor*

OF THE

*Holiday  
Season*

As seen on view in *The Eternal Garden: Titanium Art* by Aka Chen, detail of *Earth (地)*, from the *Four Elements* group. Titanium, diamonds, wood, plaster, diatomaceous earth, mineral pigments, and acrylic paint. *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.

The logo features the word "FANTASY" in a large, ornate, yellow gothic font with a blue outline, set against a shield-shaped background with a blue and green scale-like texture. Below it, the words "Realms of Imagination" are written in a smaller, yellow, stylized font. The shield is set against a background of a magical forest with glowing particles and a large, glowing orb at the top.

# FANTASY: Realms of Imagination

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THE ETERNAL GARDEN  
TITANIUM ART BY  
AKA CHEN

永恆花園：陳智權鈦金藝術展



**OPENING 11.16.24**

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# GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

*explore more in 2024 with  
your friends, family, and  
loved ones at Bowers Museum!*

Join or renew today and gain access to our newest, featured exhibitions including *Fantasy: Realms of Imagination* and *The Eternal Garden: Titanium Art by Aka Chen*

Become a member of our growing family and earn a wealth of exclusive benefits, like:

- One year of free admission to all General Admission and Permanent Collection Exhibitions
- Discounts on all Museum public programs (lectures, films, performances)
- Up to a 20% discount in our Gallery Store and restaurant, Tangata
- A subscription to our members-only print magazine, Passport
- Access to featured exhibitions
- Invitations to exclusive member events and more!

[Join Now](#)

If you would like assistance in registering or want to learn more about our membership levels, please contact us at

[714.567.3639](tel:714.567.3639) [membership@bowers.org](mailto:membership@bowers.org)



## Magic at Bowers Game Night

**FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 8 | 4 - 9 PM**  
**GRAND GALLERIA | AFTER HOURS**

Join us for some magic at Bowers – after hours! Inspired by the *Magic: The Gathering* cards sheet featured in *Fantasy: Realms of Imagination*, the card game comes to life in an evening of Commander games where you'll be surrounded by history and art while slinging spells and battling friends and foes alike. Play on open tables or fight a battle of wits for prizes with on-demand tickets. Mead tasting samples provided by Honest Abe.

### **TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**

**MEMBERS \$20 | GENERAL \$35**

Bring your own Commander decks! Includes access to *Fantasy: Realms of Imagination*.

[Get Tickets](#)



## **Book Cover Workshop with Erna van Dyk**

**SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 24 | 11 AM - 12 PM**  
**JOHN M. LEE COURT | WORKSHOP\***

Drawing inspiration from the iconic works of fantasy literature featured in *Fantasy: Realms of Imagination*, design a custom book jacket for your favorite fantasy novel – or one of your own creations. Participants will receive notebooks to decorate and use for writing their own imaginative stories.

### **TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**

**MEMBERS \$15 | GENERAL \$20**

*\*Suggested for children 4+ with adult supervision.*

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## ***The Dark Crystal* (1982)** **Film Talk & Screening** with Theo Siegel

**SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 30 | 1-3 PM**  
**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | FILM TALK & SCREENING**

Discover the magic behind *The Dark Crystal* with original costumes, props, and concept art on display in *Fantasy: Realms of Imagination*. Before the screening, join film expert Theo Siegel for fascinating behind-the-scenes insights into the making of this dark fantasy classic, directed by legendary creators Jim Henson and Frank Oz.

**TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**  
**MEMBERS \$15 | GENERAL \$20**  
*Exhibition entry not included.*

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## ***Fantasy* Tour & Tea Party with Dreamland Maid Café**

**SUNDAY | DECEMBER 15 | 2 - 4 PM**  
**FANTASY EXHIBIT & KEY COURTYARD | TOUR & TEA PARTY**

Journey from fairy tales and folklore to fantastical worlds on a docent-led tour of *Fantasy: Realms of Imagination*. Then join Dreamland Maid Café for an enchanted tea party in Bowers' beautiful Key Courtyard, featuring a selection of tea sandwiches, scones and dessert bites.

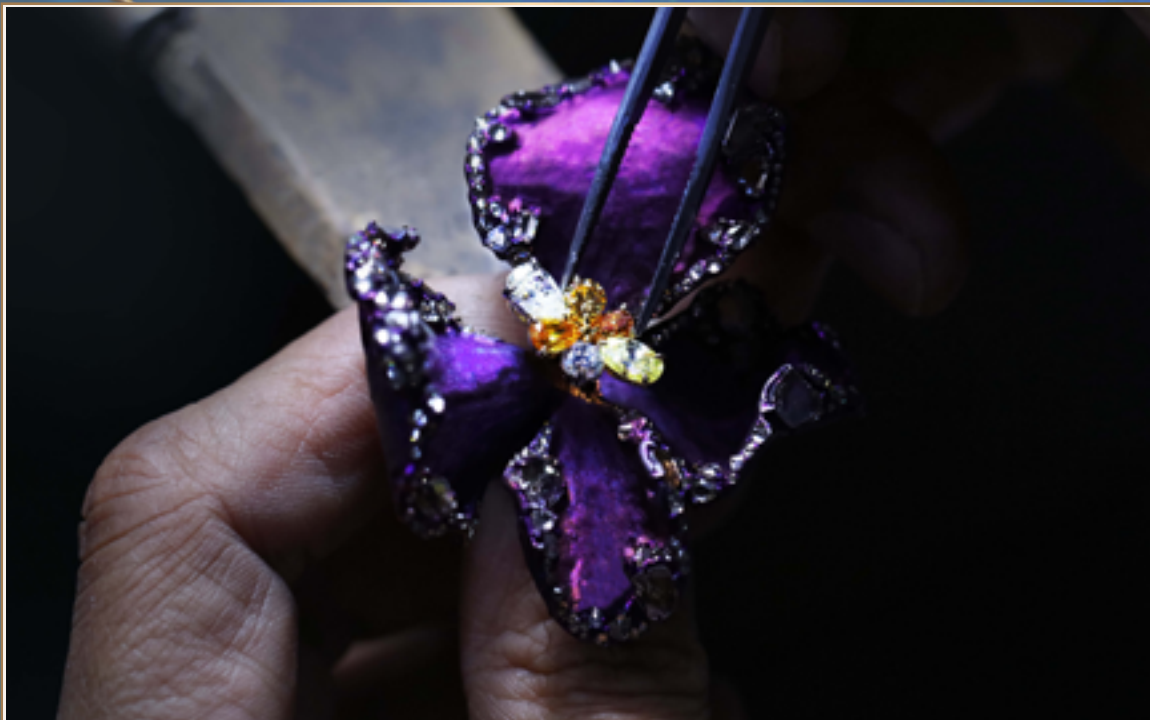
### **TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**

**MEMBERS \$60 | GENERAL \$75**

*Space is limited and advanced reservations are encouraged.*

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## Exploring the Eternal Garden with Aka Chen

**SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 17 | 1:30 - 2:30 PM**  
**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | OPENING CONVERSATION**

In celebration of the opening of *The Eternal Garden: Titanium Art by Aka Chen*, join the artist Aka Chen in an enlightening conversation with Bowers' Chief Curator, Dr. Tianlong Jiao, as they discuss the master artist's exquisite titanium decorative sculptures and the influence of traditional Chinese art and Zen Buddhist aesthetics in his work. Sponsored by the Collectors Council, an affiliate council of Bowers Museum.

### **TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**

**MEMBERS \$15 | GENERAL \$20**

*Advanced reservations are encouraged.*

### **RECORDED ONLINE SCREENING**

**MEMBERS \$5 | GENERAL \$10**

*Online version will be emailed to ticketholders one week after the onsite event.*

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## **Touring the Eternal Garden with Aka Chen**

**SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 17 | 4 - 5 PM**  
**AKA CHEN EXHIBIT | GUIDED TOUR**

Join master artist Aka Chen as he leads you through *The Eternal Garden: Titanium Art by Aka Chen*, sharing insights into the exquisite decorative sculptures on view. This special after-hours tour will be followed by a champagne toast and an opportunity to chat with the artist.

### **TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**

**MEMBERS \$40 | GENERAL \$55**

*Space is limited and advanced reservations are encouraged.*

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# Catskills to Contemporary: A History of Art in the Hudson River Valley with Annalee Andres

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Art Historian

**WEDNESDAYS | NOV 6 - 13 | 11 AM - 12 PM\***  
**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | \*UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

## **Nov 6** | Expansion and Sculpture in the Hudson River Valley

In the twentieth century, the Hudson River Valley became a refuge for many artists who sought solitude and space. Designers and sculptors were drawn to the Valley, who then in turn, attracted collectors of large-scale sculpture. We will consider this site, and many of the works within it.

## **Nov 13** | Displaying Art in the Hudson River Valley

In 1864, Vassar College in Poughkeepsie established the first art gallery in an American university, integrating the display of art and art education as a central tenet of their educational plan. We will discuss the centrality of art exhibitions and its continuation into the 21st Century with the opening of Dia Beacon in 2003, a massive contemporary art space.

**TICKETED ONSITE EVENTS**

**MEMBERS \$10 | GENERAL \$15**



## Timeless Melodies

*Take a nostalgic walk down memory lane with music and more presented by Larry Maurer, historian of the Timeless Melodies Foundation for Education, Inc.*

### Cole Porter: Anything Goes

**THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 21 | 1:30 - 3 PM**

**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE**

[Get Tickets](#)

Songs like “Night and Day,” “I Get a Kick Out of You” and “You’re the Top” say it all about Cole Porter. He was unlike any of his peers: rich, debonair, and sophisticated. Cole Porter didn’t have to write songs, but he did and he left us with a body of work that exudes style. Join Larry Maurer for another chapter in the history of timeless American popular music.

### The Ladies Sing (Pt. 2)

**THURSDAY | DECEMBER 19 | 1:30 - 3 PM**

**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE**

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Join Larry Maurer for his newest Timeless Melodies course featuring an extraordinary group of singers: Betty Grable, Irene Dunn, Ginger Rogers, Katherine Grayson, and many more!

**TICKETED ONSITE EVENTS: MEMBERS \$10 | GENERAL \$15**

**TALKS:** Explore Ancient Egypt with ARCE-OC during our ongoing lecture series



## Recycling for Death: Coffin Reuse and the Theban Royal Caches

with Dr. Kara Cooney

**SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 9 | 1:30 - 3:30 PM**

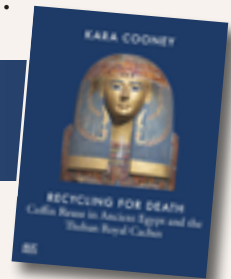
**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE & BOOK SIGNING**

Presented by Dr. Kara Cooney, University of California, Los Angeles.

Join renowned Egyptologist Dr. Kara Cooney for a lecture and book signing in celebration of her newest release, *Recycling for Death: Coffin Reuse and the Theban Royal Caches*. This culmination of fifteen years of coffin study analyzes coffins and other funerary equipment of elites to provide essential windows into social strategies and adaptations employed during the Bronze Age collapse and subsequent Iron Age reconsolidation.

Purchase *Recycling for Death: Coffin Reuse and the Theban Royal Caches* onsite in the Gallery Store!

Sponsored by Robin Pasqual and Eleanor Migues.



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### **TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**

**FREE FOR BOWERS & ARCE MEMBERS | GENERAL \$15**

### **RECORDED ONLINE SCREENING**

**FREE FOR BOWERS & ARCE MEMBERS | GENERAL \$10**

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**TALKS:** *Explore Ancient Egypt with ARCE-OC during our ongoing lecture series*



## **Rediscovering Egypt's Lost Dinosaurs** with Dr. Matthew C. Lamanna

**SATURDAY | DECEMBER 14 | 1:30 - 3:30 PM**  
**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE**

Presented by Dr. Matthew C. Lamanna, the Mary R. Dawson Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology and the senior dinosaur researcher at Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh.

Egypt's material culture has long excited people around the world, but did you know that this region's history stretches back well into the Mesozoic Era, or Age of Dinosaurs? Learn about discoveries that have cast unprecedented light on Egypt's remarkable dinosaurs, restoring a scientific legacy that was lost during the Second World War.

*Sponsored by Dr. Laraine Turk.*

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### **TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**

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## MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

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CELEBRITY SPEAKER SERIES 2024



## A Morning of Song with Julie Garnyé

**Thursday | November 21 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM**  
**Norma Kershaw Auditorium | Musical Performance**

Experience an unforgettable musical morning with the multi-talented Julie Garnyé, a renowned singer and actress who has graced the stage with legends like Josh Groban, Carole King, and Kristin Chenoweth. Known for her performances in Broadway's *Come Fly Away*, the *Tinker Bell* films, and at the Hollywood Bowl, Julie's powerful voice has captivated audiences worldwide. Don't miss this extraordinary talent!

### **TICKETED EVENT: \$45 GENERAL ADMISSION**

*Bowers Museum members may buy one discounted ticket for \$35.  
For information about tickets contact Barbara Hagen at (714) 272-1134  
or [CrescendoTicketsBowers@gmail.com](mailto:CrescendoTicketsBowers@gmail.com)*

[Get Tickets](#)



## Songs and Stories of Día de los Muertos with Dr. Gloria Arjona

**SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 2 | 11 AM - 12 PM**  
**Norma Kershaw Auditorium | Multimedia Lecture**

Dr. Gloria Arjona explores the rich, multicultural roots of Día de los Muertos, connecting it to both Indigenous Mexican traditions and the European Dance of the Dead. Through vibrant images, traditional songs in Spanish and Indigenous languages, and satirical “Literary Calaveras,” she delves into the celebration’s cultural and historical layers. This family-friendly program offers a captivating look at the diverse influences behind Día de los Muertos, inviting audiences of all ages to engage with its meaningful traditions.

### **TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**

**MEMBERS \$15 | GENERAL \$20**

### **RECORDED ONLINE SCREENING**

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Celebrate with Bowers Museum during our free family festivals held every first Sunday of the month in the Museum's beautiful Key Courtyard. Enjoy live performances, art making, face painting and complimentary treats at every festival. Free Family Festivals are made possible with generous support from the Nicholas Endowment. Additional support is provided by Capital Group.

## Mexican Day of the Dead

[Learn More](#)

**SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 3**

A celebration of life, honoring the love and memories left to us by loved ones who are no longer with us in body but are remembered in spirit, with music, dance, art, and special foods. Bring a photo to be placed on our Ofrendas (memorial altars) honoring loved ones and that special pet we lost too soon. Enjoy performances by Mariachi Anacatlan, Relámpago del Cielo, Los Cuates, Xipe Totec and Joel Aceves.

## International Winter Holiday

[Learn More](#)

**SUNDAY | DECEMBER 1**

Around the world music, dance and art bring joy to families gathering to celebrate this special time of the year. Join us as we delight in the sounds of The Klezmer Juice Band, Mariachi Anacatlan, and Amati Strings.

# Bowers' Books for Kids: Storytime in the Galleries

Held every last Saturday of the month, Storytime in the Galleries includes free copies of each author's featured book for the first 35 to RSVP and free General Admission to the galleries for the first 35 participants to arrive at each event. Reading in the galleries will be followed by a simple, fun art project that kids will love.

## Scraps to Garden Gold: Joey's Composting Story

**SAT | NOV 30 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM**

**ANCIENT ARTS OF CHINA EXHIBIT**

Joey the raccoon lives in a village sunny and clear, with only one thing to fear: piles of trash and food scraps scattered in his neighborhood. Instead of neglecting the ever-growing problem, he chooses to take action - in the form of a composting garden. A heartwarming, poetic story coupled with endearing illustrations, *Scraps to Garden Gold: Joey's Composting Story* strives to educate and encourage youth to practice environmental stewardship in their community.

[Learn More](#)



## Docents' Seasonal Picks!

**SAT | DEC 28 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM**

**ART OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS EXHIBIT**

Join Bowers Docents for a selection of seasonal stories including *The Gingerbread Man* and other holiday favorites! Create your own gingerbread man ornament after the reading. We'll still have free books to give out to the first 35 to RSVP for the program from an array of books that have been featured at Storytime in the Galleries.

[Learn More](#)



**TICKETED ONSITE EVENTS: FREE WITH GENERAL ADMISSION**



## Festive Clay Ornaments with Erna van Dyk

**SUNDAY | DECEMBER 15 | 11 AM - 12 PM**  
**JOHN M. LEE COURT | WORKSHOP\***

Get into the holiday spirit with this fun and hands-on workshop where you'll design and decorate your own unique ornaments, perfect for hanging on a tree or gifting to loved ones. Let your creativity shine while crafting seasonal treasures!

**TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**  
**MEMBERS \$15 | GENERAL \$20**

*\*Suggested for children 4+ with adult supervision.*

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# ANNE'S TREASURES ART WORKSHOPS

2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS

*Join this very special arts engagement program  
for seniors and their community.*

10 AM - 12 PM | JOHN M. LEE COURT

TICKETED EVENTS: \$3 MATERIALS FEE

FREE TICKETS FOR BOWERS MEMBERS AGED 62+ | GENERAL \$7

Questions? Email [mlopez@bowers.org](mailto:mlopez@bowers.org) or call 714.567.3678.



## Painting with Beads

**THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 14**

According to archaeologists, the earliest known beads date back to approximately 100,000 years ago. Beads have been used as money, décor and jewelry throughout human history. We will use small glass beads as our “paint” to create a lovely artwork.



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**THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 14**

**No Workshop!**

## Silk Scarf Painting

**THURSDAY | DECEMBER 12**

Create a lovely silk scarf with your original designs of animals, birds, flowers, or landscapes with permanent Sharpie pens. Wear your beautiful creation or present it as a very special gift.

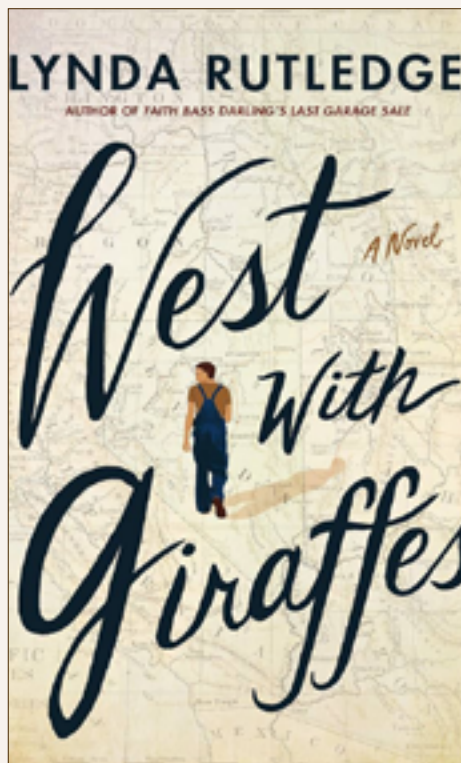


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**THURSDAY | DECEMBER 26**

**No Workshop!**

# Books at Bowers: Touring Through the Pages



## ONSITE BOOK DISCUSSION, TOUR & REFRESHMENTS

THU | DEC 5 | 1 - 3 PM  
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM  
AND JOHN M. LEE COURT

RSVP Now

### **For Members Only: A Book Club Experience**

Books at Bowers: Touring Through the Pages is a Bowers Docent Guild sponsored book club for Bowers Museum members.

Join us for an exciting adventure in our December book selection, *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Set in 1938, this novel is based on the true story of two East African giraffes that survived a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. The story is narrated by 105-year-old Woodrow Wilson Nickel, who looks back on his incredible journey as an 18-year-old, when he drove the giraffes across the country to the San Diego Zoo. Against the backdrop of the Great Depression, Rutledge weaves a heartwarming tale of the powerful bond between humans and animals.

After the discussion, we'll enjoy a short "Animal Safari" docent led tour that highlights some of the animal artwork showcased at Bowers.

Then we will celebrate the season in John M. Lee Court with an array of refreshments that are inspired by the *Fantasy: Realms of the Imagination* exhibit. The recipes are taken from *The Brothers Grimm Cookbook: Recipes inspired by Fairy Tales* and *Drinking with Wizards, Warriors and Dragons*, both available in the museum store. Join us for a magical afternoon.

### **Free for Bowers Members!**

RSVP on [Bowers.org](http://Bowers.org). Space is limited to 30 Bowers Members per discussion. A confirmation email will be sent to participants. Questions? Email [programs@bowers.org](mailto:programs@bowers.org).

[shop.bowers.org](https://shop.bowers.org)



## FOR LIFE'S CELEBRATIONS, BIG AND SMALL

Whether you're hosting a small gathering or upscale gala, Bowers Museum and Tangata will be there with you every step of the way to ensure an unforgettable event!



Scan the QR code to start  
planning your event

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