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New and Upcoming Free Admission Offers From Bowers Museum



April 29, 2021 (Santa Ana, California) – As restrictions slowly lift and demand grows for Bowers Museum's blockbuster exhibitions, Bowers proudly announces new and upcoming free admission offers for all ages.

Mother's Day Special

This Mother's Day on May 9, 2021: families can treat mom on her special day with a free trip to the Bowers Museum! Moms and grandmothers will enjoy free General Admission and reduced \$10 tickets to *Inside the Walt Disney Archives: 50 Years of Preserving the Magic,* a specially ticketed exhibition which closes June 20! Advanced ticket reservations for family members are strongly advised. Free and reduced admissions for mothers will be issued onsite during check-in. Bowers Museum continues to run at 50% reduced capacity in accordance with COVID safety guidelines and timed ticketing applies. Details at bowers.org.

Mothers will also enjoy an array of unique gifts from the Bowers Gallery Store, many inspired by current exhibitions including *Inside the Walt Disney Archives*. Details at <u>shop.bowers.org</u>.

Patina-owned Tangata Restaurant is also celebrating moms with a limited seating High Tea inside the Museum's serene courtyard. Elegance shines as guests enjoy a classic tea service with custom tableware, classic china and beautiful green hedges. Guests are invited to select a tea of their choice while they nibble on sweet and savory treats provided on artful three-tiered stands and enjoy a glass of prosecco or one of Patina's signature wines. Each reservation is for 1.5 hours. <u>Click here for details and</u> <u>reservations</u>.



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Free Santa Ana Sundays

Now in its 13th year, Bowers is thrilled to continue to offer free General Admission and reduced \$10 tickets to *Inside the Walt Disney Archives* to all Santa Ana residents on Sundays through a generous donation in memory of Dorothy Goerl and courtesy of the Lockhart Family. Onsite purchases only with proof of residence (Santa Ana residents will need to provide proof of residency through an ID, driver's license or utility bill).

Free Admission for Frontline Healthcare and Emergency Service Workers

As a special thanks to frontline workers during the COVID crisis, Bowers is currently offering free admission to all frontline healthcare and emergency services workers who are directly dealing with COVID in their work. Simply show your badge or business card to the Admissions Desk upon arrival for (1) free entry into the next available time slot, applicable to both General Admission tickets and *Inside the Walt Disney Archives*. Limit (1) ticket per employee per day. Offer valid until further notice.

Free Monthly Virtual Family Festivals

Generously sponsored by the Nicholas Endowment, Bowers Museum's free monthly festivals have gone virtual and are now streamed to thousands of viewers worldwide on Facebook and Youtube monthly at 11 am. The next event, Virtual Fiesta de Mexico on May 30, celebrates the joyful traditions of Mexico with music by Mario and Sergio - The Cuates, and guitarist Joel Aceves; and dance and song by the students from the Orange County School of the Arts and Relampago del Cielo Folklorico. <u>Click here for an archive of past virtual festivals</u>.

Current and Upcoming Exhibitions

In addition to the Museum's 7 permanent exhibitions from around the globe currently on view, this spring the Bowers Museum hosts the featured exhibitions *Inside the Walt Disney Archives: 50 Years of Preserving the Magic, Treasures in Gold & Jade: Masterworks from Taiwan, Miao: Masters of Silver,* and *Test of Medal: Charles J. Shaw and the Montford Point Marines,* all of which opened during the pandemic with little or no time for audiences to enjoy them. <u>Details and tickets at bowers.org</u>.

The excitement continues this summer with the opening of two exhibitions featuring remarkable paintings by local female collectors and artists in their own right: Gayle Roski and Ann Cullen. Opening July 24, *The Gift of Los Angeles: Memories in Watercolor by Gayle Garner Roski* features forty-four watercolors of her experiences growing up and living in the City of Angels. *Artistic Legacy: The Ann and Bill Cullen Collection* opens August 28 with over 50 paintings by early 20th century California artists. Details and tickets at bowers.org.

Meanwhile, the Museum continues to offer a robust calendar of virtual offerings. Visit <u>bowers.org/programs</u> for tickets and the full schedule of upcoming premiere programs.

Image credit: Family at entrance to Inside the Walt Disney Archives exhibition, 2021, image by Melanie Gable.

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