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## **Bowers Museum Presents a Captivating Special Installation at Jewel Court, South Coast Plaza**

Santa Ana, California, August 1, 2023 —Bowers Museum is delighted to announce a very special installation at Jewel Court in South Coast Plaza, captivating visitors from July 29 to August 28, 2023. The Museum is set to showcase an exquisite selection of objects from its renowned permanent collection, complemented by a stunning wrap unveiling their highly anticipated fall exhibitions, *The Power of Photography* and *Beyond the Great Wave: Works by Hokusai from the British Museum*.

Jewel Court, renowned for its elegance and luxurious ambiance, will serve as the perfect backdrop to host this exclusive collaboration between Bowers Museum and South Coast Plaza. With its commitment to celebrating art and culture, this installation with Bowers Museum marks an important milestone in their ongoing partnership.

This special installation includes a display which offers a taste of Bowers Museum's encyclopedic permanent collection of over 100,000 objects. From painted Japanese ceramics to sleek shell currency rings and colorful headdresses from New Guinea, Imperial Chinese bridal wear, and one of the first Oscars ever made on behalf of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, visitors are sure to be amazed.

In addition to the captivating display, a breathtaking wrap will be unveiled, announcing the museum's upcoming fall exhibitions. *The Power of Photography* will feature a selection of over 70 iconic original prints which were compiled by the pioneering collector and gallerist Peter Fetterman, on view at Bowers Museum October 7, 2023 – January 14, 2024.

*The Power of Photography* is organized by Photographic Traveling Exhibitions, Los Angeles, CA. This presentation of *The Power of Photography* is sponsored by The Ronald C. and Kristine Pietersma Family Trust.

Opening weeks later this fall at Bowers Museum, *Beyond the Great Wave: Works by Hokusai from the British Museum* will include a beautiful early example of Katsushika Hokusai's (Japanese, 1760-1849) *The Great Wave* and venture beyond to feature a broad selection of works that Hokusai produced right up to his death at the age of 90. The exhibition will be on view October 21, 2023 – January 7, 2024.

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# The British Museum

The presentation of this exhibition is a collaboration between the British Museum and the Bowers Museum.

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"We are thrilled to collaborate with South Coast Plaza for this special installation at Jewel Court," said Anne Shih, Chairwoman of the Board of Governors at Bowers Museum. "This unique presentation will provide many new potential visitors with an exciting introduction to the diverse beauty and cultural significance of our permanent collection from around the globe." The Bowers Museum also hopes the announcement of our their fall exhibitions will ignite anticipation and curiosity among art enthusiasts and the wider community.

This installation is made possible thanks to generous support from the Mary and John Tu Foundation. Don't miss this opportunity to experience a taste of Bowers Museum in this unique and dazzling setting!

### **ABOUT BOWERS MUSEUM**

Located in the historic heart of Orange County, Bowers Museum's 8 permanent collection exhibitions showcase art and artifacts from cultures around the world. As the largest and one of the oldest museums in Orange County, Bowers has been voted 'Best Museum' in Orange County for the past 29 years. Partnering with world-class institutions, Bowers Museum's featured exhibitions include blockbusters such as *Terracotta Warriors; Mummies: Death and the Afterlife in Ancient Egypt...Treasures from the British Museum; Lucy's Legacy: The Hidden Treasure Of Ethiopia; Holy Land: Dead Sea Scrolls, House of David Inscription; and Guo Pei: Art of Couture.*

### **ABOUT SOUTH COAST PLAZA**

Renowned as a leading international shopping destination, South Coast Plaza is home to more than 280 prominent boutiques and critically acclaimed restaurants, and is the center of culture and commerce that includes the adjacent Segerstrom Center for the Arts. Celebrating 55 years of quality, South Coast Plaza is the West Coast's premier shopping experience, with an unparalleled collection of top retailers—from Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Hermès, Cartier and Harry Winston to Saint Laurent, The Webster, Dior, Celine and more. South Coast Plaza is located in Orange County, California, in the city of Costa Mesa.

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