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**BOWERS
MUSEUM**

***First Look* Offers a Peek inside the Vault at Bowers Museum**



Headdress (*Perak*), late 20th century, Ladakh, India. Cotton, yak hair, turquoise, coral, carnelian, and silver. Gift of Peter and Signe Keller, 2019.7.1

Santa Ana, CA – August 5, 2025 – Bowers Museum invites the public and press to discover *First Look: New Acquisitions at Bowers Museum*, a rotating exhibition celebrating the most recent additions to the Museum's permanent collection, now on view for the first time. Opening August 30, 2025, this jewel-box exhibition offers a rare peek behind the scenes into the ever-evolving heart of the Museum—its collection.

From standout works of Indigenous art to global textiles and contemporary pieces, *First Look* highlights the curatorial vision guiding the Museum's future. With the vast majority of new acquisitions to Bowers coming in as donations, the gallery further pays homage to the wonderful generosity of the more than 80 donors who have helped contribute to the acquisition of approximately 3,290 objects in the past ten years alone.

The exhibition will rotate annually, providing an ongoing opportunity for visitors to see what's new and what's next at Bowers. Thousands more objects from Bowers Museum's permanent collection are accessible in the gallery at an interactive kiosk that lets visitors browse the Bowers Digital Collection.

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The exhibition's opening day coincides with **KCRW Summer Nights at Bowers Museum** on August 30, a lively after-hours celebration featuring live DJ, food, and fun. During the event, admission to *First Look* will be **free for Bowers and KCRW members**, and free with General Admission for the public.

Press are invited to visit the exhibition free of charge at any time during open hours and are also encouraged to explore Bowers Museum's current blockbuster *World of the Terracotta Warriors*, which closes October 19 and will be more than halfway through its limited engagement when *First Look* opens.

If you're interested in covering either exhibition, we'd love to hear from you.

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On view beginning August 30, 2025 and rotated annually
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Admission included with General Admission
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Learn more: www.bowers.org/firstlook

Event Info: [KCRW Summer Nights at Bowers](#)

About Bowers Museum

Located in the heart of Orange County, Bowers Museum has been enriching lives through the world's finest arts and cultures for nearly 90 years. Voted Best Museum in Orange County for 31 consecutive years, Bowers is a cultural destination and educational hub committed to bringing global treasures to Southern California.



Hugh Duncan, American, 1924–2001. *Untitled*, watercolor on paper. Gift of the Irene Duncan Family Trust and Larry Duncan, 2024.9.2

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