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# *PROGRAM GUIDE*

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JULY/AUGUST 2025



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*AND SO IS ADVENTURE!*

Your summer guide to *World of the Terracotta Warriors* and more.

FEATURED EXHIBITION



# — WORLD OF THE — TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

NEW ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES  
IN SHAANXI IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

**NOW OPEN**

**Purchase Tickets**

Image provided by the Shaanxi Cultural Promotion Center.

This exhibition is jointly organized by the Shaanxi Provincial Cultural Heritage Administration, Shaanxi Cultural Heritage Promotion Center, and Emperor Qin Shi Huang's Mausoleum Site Museum of the People's Republic of China, and Bowers Museum in the United States.

Generous support for *World of the Terracotta Warriors* comes from Lead Chairs of Terracotta Warriors Project Charles and Ling Zhang, TT Foundation, Mary Tu, Mei Yen Chang, Linda and Carol Moy Foundation, Helen King, D. Diane Anderson, Angela and Jim Hsu, China Southern Airlines, South Coast Plaza, PNC Bank, East West Bank, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, and Huaxie Int'l Fine Art Freight Service Co., Ltd.



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## Hellenistic Interactions with the Qin Kingdom with Dr. Anthony Barbieri

**SUN | JUL 27 | 1:30 - 3 PM**  
**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM**  
**DISTINGUISHED LECTURE & BOOK SIGNING**

### **Presented by Dr. Anthony Barbieri**

Professor of Early Chinese History, University of California, Santa Barbara

Discover how the rise of China's mighty Qin Empire was shaped not in isolation, but through unexpected encounters with the ancient world. In this captivating talk, explore the surprising ties between the Qin state—birthplace of the Terracotta Warriors—and the Hellenistic kingdoms of Central Asia. Learn how cultural exchanges with the Greco-Bactrian Kingdom helped forge one of history's most powerful empires.

***The Many Lives of the First Emperor of China*** by Dr. Anthony Barbieri is available for purchase in the Gallery Store and a book signing will follow the lecture.

*This lecture is generously sponsored by the Medellas Endowment.*

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

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## The Ritualization of Jade in Late Neolithic Loess Plateau with Dr. Tianlong Jiao

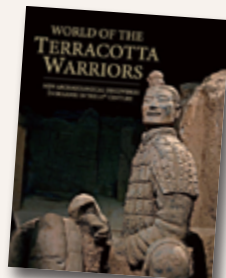
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# WORLD OF THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS PROGRAMMING



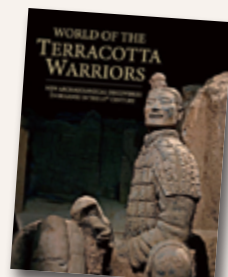
## ***World of the Terracotta Warriors*** **Curator's Tour** with Dr. Tianlong Jiao

**SAT | AUG 2 | 4 - 5 PM**  
**EXHIBITION | AFTER HOURS TOUR**

**Presented by Dr. Tianlong Jiao**  
Chief Curator, Bowers Museum

Experience *World of the Terracotta Warriors* like never before during an exclusive after-hours tour with Dr. Tianlong Jiao, Chief Curator at Bowers Museum. Join this intimate evening event to explore the exhibition alongside its curator and gain rare insight into the groundbreaking archaeological discoveries that continue to reshape our understanding of China's First Emperor and his legendary army. End the tour with a champagne toast and opportunity to chat with Dr. Jiao.

Purchase the ***World of the Terracotta Warriors*** catalog in the Gallery Store and get your copy signed after the lecture!



**TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**  
**MEMBERS \$40 | GENERAL \$55**

*Space is limited and advanced reservations are encouraged.*

**Get Tickets**





## Magic at Bowers Game Night + Exhibition After Hours

**FRI | JUL 18 & AUG 15 | 5 - 10 PM**  
**GRAND GALLERIA | AFTER HOURS**

Join us for some *Magic* at Bowers – after hours! Participate in an evening of *Magic: The Gathering* Commander games, hosted by AKH Trading Card Co., or learn to play the *Terracotta Army* board game with Hexes & Brews. Duel in the shadow of an ancient army and journey through the museum's featured exhibition, *World of the Terracotta Warriors*. Cosplay encouraged!

### **TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**

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

*Includes 1 MTG card pack. Bring your own Commander decks!*

**WITH EXHIBITION-VIEWING: MEMBERS \$35 | GENERAL \$40**

*Includes 2 MTG card pack. Bring your own Commander decks!*



**Get Tickets**



## KCRW Summer Nights

**SAT | AUG 30 | 7 - 10 PM**

**KEY COURTYARD | AFTER HOURS**

KCRW is bringing the party back to Santa Ana with Bowers Museum! Enjoy live sets from KCRW DJs Raul Campos & Jason Kramer, pop-up bars, kids activities, and more. Bowers is staying open late — don't miss this special chance to explore the museum galleries and the featured exhibition *World of the Terracotta Warriors: New Archeological Discoveries in Shaanxi in the 21st Century*.

KCRW Summer Nights is a free, non-ticketed event. Museum Admission is sold separately. Bowers and KCRW Members and Santa Ana residents get free General Admission and pay just \$11 for entry to *World of the Terracotta Warriors*.

**RSVP**





## Mythical Clay Creatures with Erna van Dyk

SUN | JUL 20 | 11 AM - 12 PM  
JOHN M. LEE COURT | WORKSHOP\*

Inspired by a beloved animal-shaped vessel in *World of the Terracotta Warriors*, families are invited to sculpt their very own mythical creatures out of clay! Led by artist Erna van Dyk, this hands-on workshop encourages imagination as participants design unique forms and embellish them with mysterious patterns and ancient-inspired motifs. Great for both children and adults—come create a creature from legend!

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

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

[Get Tickets](#)



# Sacred Realms Sound Immersion with Jody Post Theissen

**WED | AUG 6 | 6 - 7 PM**

**SACRED REALMS EXHIBIT | SOUND MEDITATION CLASS**

Enter a sanctuary for sonic exploration surrounded by vibrant Buddhist paintings. Guided by the expertise of sound alchemist Jody Post Theissen, this transformative practice is designed to cultivate inner peace and overall well-being. Immerse yourself in the resonant vibrations of ancient instruments, including Tibetan and crystal singing bowls, gongs, flutes, drums, mantras, and more.

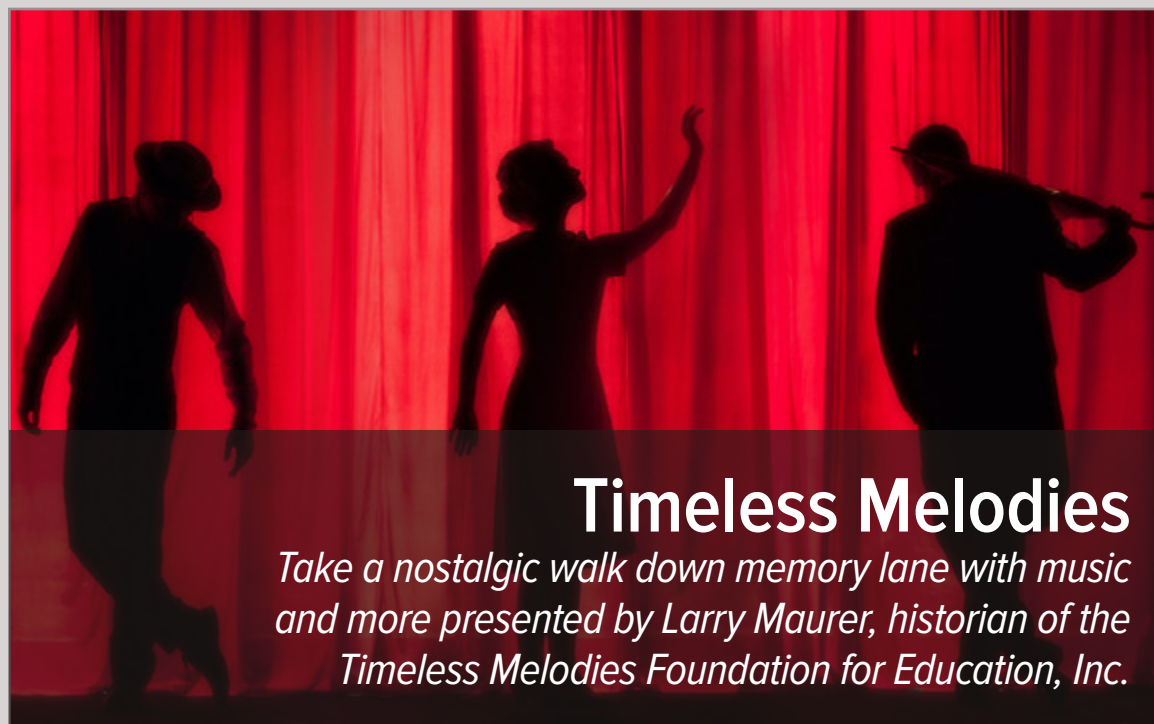
**TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**  
**MEMBERS \$15 | GENERAL \$20**

*Space is limited and advanced reservations are encouraged.*

*Please bring a yoga mat. A blanket which can be folded for support and/or a cushion is also recommended but not required.*

**Get Tickets**





## 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.*

### Happy Songs

**THU | JUL 24 | 1:30 - 3 PM**

**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE**

In Happy Songs, music historian Larry Maurer adds another chapter in his ongoing exploration of popular music. This time it's the songs that accompanied us in good times and sustained us through the difficult years.

[Get Tickets](#)

### Frank Sinatra (Part 1)

**THU | AUG 28 | 1:30 - 3 PM**

**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE**

Discover how a shy kid from Hoboken became one of the most iconic voices of the 20th century in this first of a two-part series with music historian Larry Maurer. Through rare recordings, film clips, and classic hits, follow Frank Sinatra's rise from speakeasy crooner to Big Band star and Hollywood leading man.

[Get Tickets](#)

**TICKETED ONSITE EVENTS: MEMBERS \$11 | GENERAL \$16**

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



# Who’s Getting Amethyst in Ancient Egypt?

**SAT | JUL 12 | 1:30 - 3:30 PM**

**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE**

**Presented by Kate Liszka**

Professor of History and the Pamela and Benson Harer Fellow specializing in Egyptology at California State University, San Bernardino

Discover how ancient Egypt’s obsession with amethyst—once more precious than gold—sparked royal expeditions, secret trade routes, and desert intrigue. This lecture uncovers how the prized gemstone shaped power, prestige, and resistance during the Middle Kingdom.



**Get Tickets**

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





## Red Cross Blood Drive

**TUES | JUL 29 | 10 AM - 4 PM**

**JOHN M. LEE COURT**

Donate blood and enjoy free General Admission at Bowers Museum with our gratitude on July 29. Roll up your sleeve where art meets action and be a part of something bigger.

### **Bonus: Give blood and catch a film for free!**

Donate at the Bowers Museum Blood Drive and receive a Fandango Movie Reward by email, good for a free movie ticket!

Sign up now at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), keyword "Bowers."



# Arts on the Move Community Display

**JUL 9 - 19 | JOHN M. LEE COURT**

Held in partnership with Orange County Arts and Disability, experience the transformative power of art in [Arts on the Move](#), a community display on view free of charge. Arts on the Move showcases artwork by students with disabilities from Orange County Schools, alongside talented adult artists with disabilities. Held in conjunction with Disability Pride month, the exhibition also features educational elements such as the Braille alphabet and the American Sign Language alphabet, fostering a deeper understanding of diverse communication methods. Join us for an inspiring celebration of creativity, diversity, and the limitless potential of the human spirit.

[Orange County Arts and Disability](#) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in partnership with the Orange County Department of Education. Orange County Arts and Disability's mission is to provide arts, education, and cultural opportunities by, with, and for people with disabilities, making the arts accessible to people of all abilities. All artwork for this traveling art show was provided with special permission from participating students, their guardians, teachers, and community organizations.



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**The Nicholas Endowment**

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.

## **Pacific Islands Festival**

**SUN | JUL 13\***

[Learn More](#)

Experience the vibrant spirit of the Pacific at this lively summer festival celebrating the rich traditions of island art, dance, and music. Enjoy dynamic performances by Kutturan Chamoru, Kama'aina Glee Club of Orange County, and Hālau Hula Lani Ola as they bring the cultures of the Pacific Islands to life.

*\* Please note this festival will be held the second Sunday of the month as an exception due to the 4th of July holiday*

## **Rock'n Blues Festival**

**SUN | AUG 3**

[Learn More](#)

Swing into summer at our Jazz & Blues Festival, a soulful celebration of rhythm, style, and sound. Enjoy live performances by Hope Center for the Arts, The Steve Johnson Quintet, and Party of Three—guaranteed to chase those mid-summer blues away.



# 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.

## ***Garzi the Orphan***

**SAT | JUL 26 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM**

**ANCIENT ARTS OF CHINA EXHIBIT**

The first children's book published by the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, *Garzi the Orphan*, brings to life the story of Garzi, a real-life orphaned elephant rescued by SWT. The story of brave Garzi and friends highlights the threats faced by African Elephants, including droughts caused by the climate crisis, habitat loss, ivory poaching and human-wildlife conflict, and the work of the Sheldrick Trust to protect the species and afford orphan elephants like Garzi a future!

**RSVP**



## ***The Leaning Tower of Pizza***

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

**JOHN M. LEE COURT**

Join best-selling children's author Derek Taylor Kent for a reading of his new book *The Leaning Tower of Pizza*, a whimsical picture book that sparks curiosity about world travel, cultures, cuisine, and iconic landmarks.

In this imaginative and laugh-filled adventure, a diverse group of children excitedly share stories about famous places they've heard of—but with a twist! Whether it's the "Leaning Tower of Pizza" or other hilariously misheard wonders, their creative interpretations lead to playful surprises and inspire a love of exploration.

**RSVP**



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

*This program is made possible through generous donations from Capital Group.*

# ANNE'S TREASURES ART WORKSHOPS

2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS

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10 AM - 12 PM | JOHN M. LEE COURT

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



## Painted Terracotta Pots and Succulents

THU | JUL 10\*

Inspired by *World of the Terracotta Warriors*—  
paint a terracotta pot, plant a succulent, and  
enjoy an optional discounted exhibit tour!

\*Includes discounted tour of  
*World of the Terracotta Warriors*



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## Watercolor Leaf Mandalas

THU | JUL 24

Make your own personal meditation  
mandala by painting a variety of leaves  
and flowers and pressing them onto  
watercolor sheets.



[Get Tickets](#)

## Paint Party with Matt Southgate

THU | AUG 14

Join local artist Matt Southgate with  
step-by-step acrylic painting session  
and create your own stunning  
landscape masterpiece.



[Get Tickets](#)

## Paper Quilling

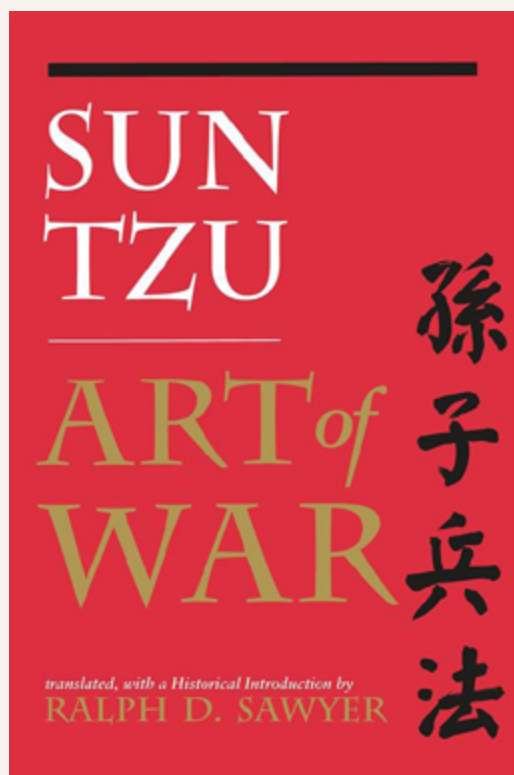
THU | AUG 28

Design a lovely greeting card using a rolled  
paper art technique.



[Get Tickets](#)

# Books at Bowers: Touring Through the Pages



## ONSITE Book Discussion & TOUR

**THU | AUG 21 | 1-2 PM**  
**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM**

**RSVP Aug 21**

**SAT | AUG 23**  
**10:30 - 11:30 AM**  
**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM**

**RSVP Aug 23**

## ***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.

“The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting.”  
— Sun Tzu

The August book selection is *The Art of War*, the famous ancient Chinese classic written by Sun Tzu, the Chinese general and philosopher who lived during the Zhou Dynasty. More than 2000 years old, *The Art of War* still resonates in today’s contemporary world and is one of the most influential books of military strategy ever written. The book is still read and studied worldwide in military academies and corporate boardrooms. The book lays out a systematic, rational approach to the strategies, tactics and philosophy that leaders have studied in the military, business, politics, law, martial arts and even sports. Several versions and translations are available, but the text in the various editions is the same.

“There is no instance of a nation benefitting from prolonged warfare.”  
— Sun Tzu

Following each in-person discussion is a docent-led tour of *World of Terracotta Warriors: New Archaeological Discoveries in Shaanxi in the 21st Century*.

## **Free for Bowers Members!**

Space is limited to 30 Bowers Museum members.  
A confirmation email will be sent to participants prior to the event.





## Discover the Joy of Lifelong Learning! Join Us for a Bowers Docent Orientation

**TUE | JUL 15 | 10 AM - 12:30 PM | NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM**

Are you passionate about art, culture, and education? Become a docent at Bowers Museum and turn your curiosity into connection.

### ***As a Bowers Docent, you will:***

- Deepen your knowledge of world cultures—past and present
- Enjoy exclusive access to exhibitions, lectures, and special events
- Choose a tour schedule that suits your lifestyle: weekdays, weekends , or mornings only
- Inspire visitors of all ages through engaging, interactive tours
- Join a community of enthusiastic learners and educators

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Or email Membership Chair Jenny Barkley  
at [YanJenny07@gmail.com](mailto:YanJenny07@gmail.com)

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