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## **Terracotta Warriors Make Triumphant Return Alongside New Discoveries, Spring 2025!**



**Santa Ana, CA – February 4, 2025** – 2024 marked the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the first terracotta army pit in the 1970s, a find that reshaped global understanding of ancient China. Both Bowers Museum’s 2008 exhibition *Terracotta Warriors: Guardians of China’s First Emperor* and 2011 exhibition *Warriors, Tombs, and Temples: China’s Enduring Legacy* captivated audiences with these awe-inspiring relics.

Now, *World of the Terracotta Warriors: New Archaeological Discoveries in Shaanxi in the 21st Century* builds on this legacy with over 110 newly unearthed treasures making their North American debut.

***“We are incredibly proud to be hosting this historic exhibition in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the original discovery of the warriors,” said Dr. Sean O’Harrow, President of Bowers Museum. “And we are excited to feature new discoveries from royal tombs dating back a further 2,000 years.”***

### **Unprecedented Treasures**

In collaboration with the Shaanxi Cultural Heritage Promotion Center and leading institutions across Shaanxi Province, *World of the Terracotta Warriors* offers an exclusive glimpse into China’s political and artistic achievements before and during the Qin dynasty. Traverse millennia, from Shimao around 2300 BCE—among the earliest walled cities in China—to pivotal

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sites of the Shang and Zhou dynasties, culminating in the iconic terracotta warriors commissioned by the Qin emperor and completed after his death in 210 BCE.

**Highlights include:**

- **Terracotta Warriors:** Iconic life-size sculptures of soldiers and horses, alongside intricately crafted half-size chariots.
- **Royal Tomb Artifacts:** Jade and gold ornaments, bronze vessels, and ceremonial fittings.
- **Early Walled City Discoveries:** Rare relics from Shimao, dating back 4000 years!

**Details:**

- **Exhibition Dates:** May 24, 2025 - October 19, 2025
- **Location:** Bowers Museum, 2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706
- **Opening Hours:** Tuesday - Sunday, 10 AM - 4 PM
- **Admission:** Special-ticketed pricing \$29 for adults with discounts for seniors, students, and members. Ticket launch date to be announced.
- **Website:** [bowers.org/warriors](https://bowers.org/warriors)



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



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**Images:** Promotional images available upon request, contact [kradomske@bowers.org](mailto:kradomske@bowers.org).

**About Bowers Museum:** Located in Santa Ana, California, Bowers Museum has been enriching lives through the world's finest arts and culture for over 80 years. Voted best museum in Orange County for the past 31 years (2024), Bowers Museum is committed to promoting education and understanding by bringing the world's great cultural art to Southern California.

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