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Terracotta Warriors Take a Final Bow at Bowers Museum



Santa Ana, CA – October 8, 2025 – After a triumphant run that exceeded all attendance and engagement goals, *World of the Terracotta Warriors: New Archaeological Discoveries in Shaanxi in the 21st Century* will conclude its successful engagement at **Bowers Museum on Sunday, October 19, 2025**. The exhibition will next travel to the **Houston Museum of Natural Science**, bringing the extraordinary legacy of China's First Emperor to audiences in Texas.

Presented in collaboration with the Shaanxi Cultural Heritage Promotion Center and organized by the Shaanxi Provincial Cultural Heritage Administration, the Emperor Qinshihuang's Mausoleum Site Museum, and Bowers Museum, this landmark exhibition featured **over 110 newly unearthed treasures**, many making their North American debut.

Since opening on May 24, 2025, the exhibition has drawn strong media attention and community enthusiasm — not only for its sweeping presentation of 21st-century archaeological discoveries from ancient China, but also for its sold-out educational programs led by world-renowned scholars. Over the course of its run, Bowers presented a six-part distinguished lecture series featuring experts such as **Dr. Lothar von Falkenhausen, Dr. Anthony Barbieri, Dr. Min Li, Dr. Feng Li**, and culminating in the closing lecture by **Dr. Eugene Y. Wang** of Harvard

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University. The museum also offered exclusive programs with **Dr. Tianlong Jiao**, Bowers Museum's Chief Curator and curator of *World of the Terracotta Warriors*, whose personal insights into the latest excavations in Shaanxi Province deepened visitors' understanding of China's First Emperor and his world.

"This exhibition has surpassed every goal we set," said **Dr. Sean O'Harrow, President of Bowers Museum**. "The public's response has been extraordinary. Visitors were captivated not only by the iconic warriors but also by the newly uncovered artifacts that shed light on China's earliest civilizations."

Guests have just **days left** to experience these remarkable artifacts before they leave Southern California. The exhibition's final day is **Sunday, October 19, 2025**, with doors closing at 4 PM. Timed-entry tickets and program reservations are available now at bowers.org/warriors. Advance purchase is strongly encouraged, as the closing weekend is expected to sell out.

Final Weekend Events:

October 18 | 4–5 PM

Curator's Tour with Dr. Tianlong Jiao – SOLD OUT

An exclusive behind-the-scenes tour led by Bowers Museum's Curator of Asian Art, Dr. Tianlong Jiao, offering final insights into the exhibition's rarest and most important pieces.

October 19 | 1:30 PM

Distinguished Closing Lecture: *The First Emperor's Chariots – Where Are They Going?*

Presented by **Dr. Eugene Y. Wang**, the **Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Professor of Asian Art at Harvard University**, this lecture explores the mysterious bronze chariots found west of the First Emperor's tomb — artifacts believed to serve as spirit vehicles for his journey to heaven.

Images: Promotional images available upon request, contact kradomske@bowers.org.

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.

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About Bowers Museum: Located in the historic heart of Orange County—Santa Ana, California—Bowers Museum is a non-profit institution that has been enriching lives through the world's finest arts and cultures for over 80 years. Voted Best Museum in Orange County for 32 consecutive years (as of 2025, OC Register) and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, Bowers is committed to promoting education and global understanding by bringing the world's great cultural art to Southern California.

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