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Bowers Museum Celebrates \$500,000 Lead Gift for Terracotta Warriors Exhibition



Santa Ana, CA – April 2, 2025 – With just eight weeks to go before the highly anticipated opening of *World of the Terracotta Warriors: New Archaeological Discoveries in Shaanxi in the 21st Century*, Bowers Museum is proud to announce a transformational \$500,000 gift from Charles and Ling Zhang. This exceptional contribution anchors a wave of generous support for the exhibition. **Generous support for *World of the Terracotta Warriors* comes from Lead Chairs of the Terracotta Warriors Project Charles and Ling Zhang, Southern China Airlines, South Coast Plaza, PNC Bank, East West Bank, the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, and Huaxie Int’l Fine Art Freight Service Co., Ltd.** Together, these gifts ensure the success of what promises to be one of the most important exhibitions in the museum’s history.

Opening to the public on **May 24, 2025**, *World of the Terracotta Warriors* features over 110 newly excavated relics from ancient sites across Shaanxi Province, many never before seen in North America. Curated by Bowers Museum’s Chief Curator **Dr. Tianlong Jiao**, the exhibition brings to light groundbreaking archaeological discoveries that redefine understanding of China’s First Emperor and the civilizations that came before him. President and CEO Dr. Seán O’Harrow and Dr. Tianlong Jiao will lead the **press preview on May 23**, joined by an esteemed delegation from some of China’s most important cultural institutions, including the **Shaanxi Provincial Cultural Heritage Administration, Emperor Qin Shi Huang’s Mausoleum Museum, Shaanxi Cultural Heritage Promotion Center, and Shaanxi Provincial Institute of Archaeology.**

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Bowers Museum also extends deep gratitude to its **Chairwoman Anne Shih**, whose decades of visionary leadership and tireless fundraising have brought over \$30 million to the institution. Shih has led the charge on the museum's **exclusive May 22 Gala**, where guests will enjoy an early unveiling of the exhibition and an unforgettable evening celebrating international cultural exchange. Gala support includes **major table sponsors** Mei Yen and I Wan Huang, Dona Diane Anderson, and South Coast Plaza. **Additional table sponsors** include Zehra and George Sun, Linda and Carl Moy, John H. Lee, Angela and Jim Hsu, Mandy Li, and Dona Leicht.

The exhibition's **members-only opening night** also takes place on **May 24**, with **member tickets launching April 1** and **public tickets launching April 15** at bowers.org/warriors.

With the arrival of this historic exhibition, anticipation is building not only for the treasures on view but also for a season of dynamic programming. A **full calendar of exhibition-related events** will launch in the month prior to opening, culminating in a **major symposium featuring internationally renowned scholars on June 21**.

This unprecedented presentation of ancient Chinese artistry and innovation invites audiences into a world rarely seen—and now newly revealed. Bowers welcomes all to share in this extraordinary cultural moment.

Details:

- **Exhibition Dates:** May 24, 2025 - October 19, 2025
- **Press Preview Date:** May 23 at 10 am – 1pm RSVP now to Ivette Aguilar at IAguilar@bowers.org.
- **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

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 Qinshihuang'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 31 consecutive years (as of 2024) 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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