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## **Bowers Museum Celebrates Nearly 300 Volunteers at Annual Appreciation Dinner**



Chairwoman Anne Shih with 2024-25 Volunteers

**Santa Ana, CA – April 17, 2025** – On April 16, 2025, Bowers Museum welcomed nearly **100 volunteers** for its annual **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**, an evening dedicated to recognizing the nearly **300 individuals** who selflessly donate their time and talents to support the museum’s mission each year.

As a **nonprofit museum located in the heart of Orange County**, Bowers relies on the incredible dedication of its volunteer corps to bring exhibitions, events, and educational programs to life for the thousands of visitors it serves each year.

The evening honored volunteers from across the institution, including members of the museum’s **Affiliate Councils** such as the **Bells, Docent Guild**—celebrating its **52nd anniversary** this year—**Bead Society of Orange County (BSOC)**, and **Chinese Cultural Arts Council (CCAC)**.

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Also in attendance were **interns and volunteers** who contribute to signature programs like **Storytime in the Galleries, Books for Bowers, Free Family Festivals, the Anne’s Treasures senior enrichment workshop**, and more.

Guests enjoyed a warm and elegant evening catered by **Patina Restaurant Group**, beginning with a cocktail hour featuring **live performances by Yuxuan Li on guzheng and Pei Zheng on guqin**, two traditional Chinese string instruments that created a serene and cultural ambiance. A **seated dinner** followed, capped off by a performance of **Sinatra favorites by vocalist Danny Delurgio**, moving attendees to dance.

The evening also included remarks from **President and CEO Dr. Sean O’Harrow** and several museum staff members who oversee the museum’s active internship program, spanning nearly every department.



President Dr. Sean O’Harrow welcoming volunteers

A special tribute was paid to the museum’s **Board of Governors**, with particular recognition for **Chairwoman Anne Shih**, who has **volunteered in her leadership role for over 30 years** and continues to be a driving force behind the museum’s growth and excellence.

Collectively, Bowers Museum volunteers contribute an impressive **40,000 to 50,000 hours** of service each year.

Their roles—ranging from

leading tours and assisting at public programs to supporting educational initiatives—play a vital part in enriching the experience of every visitor.

“Our volunteers and board leaders are truly a vital part of the Bowers Museum family,” said Dr. O’Harrow. “Their devotion enables us to thrive as a cultural institution and continue inspiring our community through art, history, and education.”

The **Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** remains a treasured tradition at Bowers Museum, celebrating the spirit of service and the people who make its work possible.

**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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