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ASIA SOCIETY TEXAS CELEBRATES ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Daily calendar includes live and virtual events for all ages — all month long!



HOUSTON, April 18, 2023 — This May, Asia Society Texas invites the entire community to participate in the celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM) with 31 days of activities to celebrate the vibrant and diverse traditions and contributions of Asians and Asian Americans. In addition to FREE exhibition access all month long, our printable calendar highlights Asia Society's live programs, features a curated selection of ondemand activities, staff recommendations, and more!

Since 1979, May has been a dedicated time to celebrate Asian Pacific American heritage, but it wasn't until 1992 that May was officially designated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Selected to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the U.S. in May 1843 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad in May 1869 that was made possible by thousands of Chinese laborers, APAHM elevates the stories, contributions, and experiences of Asian and Asian American communities.

We invite our community to visit our exhibitions on view, join us for a live program, explore a variety of ondemand content, and find inspiration to celebrate Asian Pacific American heritage and combat anti-Asian racism throughout the month of May and beyond.

31 WAYS TO CELEBRATE APAHM — AT-A-GLANCE

Full information: asiasociety.org/APAHM2023
Download the printable PDF calendar of events here.

LIVE PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS:

- **All month long:** Enjoy free admission to our exhibitions on view including <u>Summoning Memories</u>:

 Art Beyond Chinese Traditions.
- May 11: Join us for an immersive multimedia
 performance by pianist <u>Eunbi Kim</u> as she creates a
 soundworld of classical music threaded with an
 indie-pop awareness.
- May 13: Celebrate underrepresented voices through <u>BIPOC Book Fest's</u> showcase of literary works, panels, and workshops celebrating Black, Indigenous, people of color, and other creatives!
- May 18: Hear from notable women news anchors
 Melanie Lawson, Pooja Lodhia, and Rekha Muddaraj as they discuss the joys and challenges of being female journalists and news anchors of color as part of our Bank of America Women's Leadership Series.
- May 19: Explore the cultural, historical, and artistic themes in our *Summoning Memories* exhibition at our <u>free Symposium</u>, which includes a gallery tour, panel discussions, and a keynote presentation by guest curator, **Dr. Susan L. Beningson**.

ON-DEMAND HIGHLIGHTS:

- Each **Sunday**, refresh and reset with Staff Picks for music, books, podcasts, and what to watch next.
- On **Mondays**, enjoy selections from our <u>Encore Series</u>, which highlights the best of Asia Society's live programming.
- **Tuesdays** offer an opportunity to learn about local Asian Americans who reflect the richness and diversity of our community through our video series <u>Houston's Asian American Journeys</u>.

ABOUT ASIA SOCIETY TEXAS

Asia Society Texas believes in the strength and beauty of diverse perspectives and people. As an educational institution, we advance cultural exchange by celebrating the vibrant diversity of Asia, inspiring empathy, and fostering a better understanding of our interconnected world. Spanning the fields of arts, business, culture, education, and policy, our programming is rooted in the educational and cultural development of our community — trusting in the power of art, dialogue, and ideas to combat bias and build a more inclusive society.

