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LANTERN FESTIVAL ILLUMINATES IN DOWNTOWN L.A.

The Chinese American Museum (CAM) brought the 15th annual **Los Angeles Lantern Festival** on **Saturday, March 5**, culminating the 2016 Lunar New Year celebration and reviving a 5,000-year old tradition.

Open to the public free of charge, the event was held at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument in Downtown L.A. and offered a wide range of hands-on arts and crafts, continuous live entertainment, lion dancers, martial artists, acrobats, magicians, dancers, singers, and the rarely seen ancient art form, Shadow Puppets.

Refreshments were provided for purchase from some of L.A.'s most popular food trucks.

Festival attendees also had the opportunity to experience the museum's newest exhibition, *Tales of a Distant Past: A Tribute by the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals*.

Festivities came to a rousing close when the lighted silver dragon, a Chinese symbol of auspicious power, wound its way around the Plaza at El Pueblo.

Museum address is 425 N. Los Angeles St. For additional details, visit www.camla.org/LALanternFestival.

L.A. Lantern Festival was generously sponsored by:

Friends of the Chinese American Museum, El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary, Pacific Alliance Medical Center, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council, Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, and State Farm Insurance.

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