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EVENT INFORMATION

Saturday, March 1, 2014 / Noon – 10 p.m.
at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument
(across from Union Station)
FREE ADMISSION

**LOS ANGELES LANTERN FESTIVAL SHINES
AS LUNAR NEW YEAR OBSERVANCE WINDS DOWN**

(LOS ANGELES, February 11, 2014) – The Chinese American Museum (CAM), in partnership with El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, presents the 13th annual **Los Angeles Lantern Festival (LALF'14)** on **Saturday, March 1, 2014, noon – 10 p.m.** at **El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument**, historic site of the city's original Chinatown and now home to CAM.

"This year's festival represents a true collaboration between the community and the Chinese American Museum," states Dr. Michelle Ko, 2014 Lantern Festival chair. "We have expanded our outreach efforts to attract a broader audience and are excited by the enthusiastic response we have received thus far."

Steven Wong, CAM's Interim Executive Director, noted that 2014 is a milestone year for the museum. "We are celebrating 10 years of educating the public about Chinese Americans and bringing exhibitions and public programming to Southern California."

CAM's signature event revives a 5,000 year-old Asian tradition and coincides with L.A.'s Lunar New Year festivities and celebrate Chinese America. It is expected to draw more than 10,000 visitors this year.

A hugely popular Chinese festival around the world, Lantern Festival traditionally marks the closing of Chinese New Year festivities. CAM's annual L.A. Lantern Festival represents a departure from most other commercially-based street event celebrations, with its primary focus on community building and education. The event's program strives to present the general visiting public with a unique and interactive opportunity to learn about and appreciate the history, traditions and customs of this Chinese holiday.

CAM captures the spirit of the increasingly popular one-day public event at El Pueblo Historical Monument plaza and within the Museum itself. Showcased will be a broad spectrum of arts, performances, folk crafts, literature and lanterns. Opening ceremonies will kick off the event at noon, and daytime festivities continue

until 7 p.m. when the Silver Dragon illuminates the plaza at dusk. To further enhance the L.A. Lantern Festival experience, the event is being expanded until 10 p.m. with a post-dusk party featuring dancing, a beer garden, and rising stars from the world of music and comedy.

Guiding the festivities will be emcees/hosts Jenny Yang (jennyyang.tv, Showtime TV); Michelle Krusiec (Made in Taiwan, Saving Face); Clarissa Wei (L.A. Times, L.A. Weekly, 626 Foodettes); and Kristie Hang (LAist, 626 Foodettes).

Performing traditional arts will be singers, musicians, lion dancers, martial artists, and shadow puppeteers. During the evening program, featured performers will include Andrew Chiang, Jason Chu, D.J. Phatrick, Fung Brothers, Connie Lim, Alanna Lin, Jane Lui, and Anna Su.

The following arts and crafts will be presented during the daytime program:

Abacus

Card Making

Chinese Calligraphy

Chinese Paper Cutting

Chinese Spring Character and Red Envelope

Chinese String Knotting

Dough Artist

Dragon Puppet Making

Face Painting

Kite Making

Lantern Making

Lucky Feast

Origami

Balloon Artist

Page Coloring

Pop-Up Greeting Card

Print Making Workshop

Serpent Puppet Making

Storyteller – Oliver Chin

Wishing Well

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ABOUT THE CHINESE AMERICAN MUSEUM

The Chinese American Museum (CAM) is jointly developed and operated by the Friends of the Chinese American Museum (FCAM) and El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, a department of the City of Los Angeles. Located within the El Pueblo Plaza in downtown Los Angeles, CAM is housed in the last surviving structure of the City's original Chinatown. CAM's mission is to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of America's diverse heritage by researching, preserving, and sharing the history, rich cultural legacy, and continuing contributions of Chinese Americans. The Chinese American Museum is located at 425 North Los Angeles Street in El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, across from Union Station. Hours are 10 a.m.– 3 p.m., Tuesday – Sunday. Admissions are suggested donations of \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors and students. Members are admitted free. For more information about the Museum, please visit our website at www.camla.org or find us on:

- **Facebook:** search for "Chinese American Museum"
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