WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL HOME OF THE CALIFORNIA HALL OF FAME

Official home of the California dream and the California Hall of Fame, the California Museum is a non-profit 501(c)3 institution educating visitors about California’s rich history, its diversity and its unique influence on the world of ideas, innovation, art and culture. Through interactive experiences, the Museum inspires visitors to make a mark on history.

Created in partnership with the California Secretary of State, the Museum opened in 1998 as the public showcase for the California State Archives. Today, the Museum emphasizes stories commonly overlooked, reflecting the state’s diverse population and the cultural contributions of all Californians.

The Museum launched the California Hall of Fame in 2006 with former First Lady Maria Shriver and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to celebrate Californians who changed the world. From 2011 to 2018, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. and First Lady Anne Gust Brown served as Honorary Co-Chairs of the Museum and the California Hall of Fame. In 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom began collaborating with the Museum on programming that showcases the state’s history, arts and culture of diversity.

FALL/WINTER 2022 VISITOR GUIDE
California Hall of Fame

Display highlighting the 14th Class of the California Hall of Fame. New exhibit on the 15th Class opens 12/14/22.

California Indians: The First People

Featuring artifacts, oral histories & more, this exhibit chronicles the stories and cultural legacies of over 150 tribes from across the state and was developed under a Native advisory council.

California Missions: A Journey Along the El Camino Real

Aligned with State Content Standards for 4th grade history-social science, this exhibit includes rare artifacts from missions across the state, a cape from the Portola expedition, El Camino Real bell & more.

Constitution Wall

Sacramento's largest public sculpture, Constitution Wall is a six-story work of art featuring words taken from the state’s constitution chosen to inspire reflection on the rights guaranteed to all Californians.

Health Happens Here

An interactive journey through all the ways health happens in California, this exhibit explores key factors affecting health beyond traditional diet & exercise through a series of high-tech games.

Gold Mountain: Chinese Californian Stories

Discover the history and contributions of Chinese Americans to California from the Gold Rush to the present through personal stories of ingenuity and perseverance.

Unity Center at California Museum

The Museum’s signature installation celebrating California’s diverse people, customs and cultures and leaders in civil rights history through interactive exhibits inspiring visitors to stand up to hate, bigotry and intolerance as Unity Activists.

Women Inspire: California Women Changing Our World

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MUSEUM & GALLERY MAP

Elevators & Stairs
All 3 floors may be reached using stairs & elevator, see map.

Restrooms
Public restrooms located in Basement level & accessible by stairs or elevator.

Drinking Fountains
Fountains located by elevators on 1st & 2nd floors, see map for locations. Water also available in store for purchase.

Accessibility
Complimentary audio-described tour for Unity Center and wheelchair available in the Museum Store. For questions or assistance with accessibility, call (916) 654-1729.

Museum Store & Admissions
Admissions, snacks, drinks and exhibit-related items available for purchase.

Visitor Storage
Sorry, no bag check or lockers available at this time.

Lost & Found
Lost items are held in Museum Store for up to 30 days. For assistance or to locate an item, call (916) 653-0650.

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