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 showplace 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.

INTERIM HOURS & HOLIDAYS
Open Thursday 10 am to 8 pm and Friday through Sunday 10 am to 5 pm. Closed July 4, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

ADMISSION
Adults $10; College Students, Seniors 65, Youth 6-17: $8; Kids 5 & under free with paid adult admission. Museum & reciprocal museum members free with current member card.

FIELD TRIP & GROUP TOURS
Discounted admission is available to groups of 10 or more who book 7 days in advance. Onsite field trips are scheduled Mon. through Wed. Visit californiamuseum.org/onsite-tours.

FOOD & DRINKS
Food and drinks may not be consumed inside. Tables and chairs available in courtyard, see map on reverse for location.

VISITOR ETIQUETTE
Complimentary hand sanitizer is available throughout the facility. Please clean your hands upon entering, touching interactives and exiting. No large bags, luggage or pets allowed except for service animals with documentation. Please do not touch art or artifacts.

PHOTOGRAPHY
Photographs taken without flash may be taken for personal use only. No commercial-grade or video equipment, flash, tripods or selfie-sticks permitted.

BECOME A MEMBER
Join today to support the Museum and receive benefits like members-only events, exclusive discounts & much more! Visit Museum Store or CaliforniaMuseum.org/membership.

STAY CONNECTED
To sign up to receive monthly updates on exhibits, events and more, scan QR code or go to CaliforniaMuseum.org/mailing-list.

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FEATURED SIGNATURE EXHIBITS

1. California Hall of Fame
   New exhibit exploring the inspirational lives of California Hall of Fame inductees coming soon. For updates on exhibits and the California Hall of Fame, sign up for our mailing list at CaliforniaMuseum.org/mailing-list.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Uprooted! Japanese Americans During WWII
   Featuring artifacts from the camps & replica barracks, this exhibit surveys the incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII, as well as their successful fight for redress for the loss of constitutional rights.

9. Women Inspire: California Women Changing Our World
   Charting women’s struggle for equality from the 1700s to today through the stories of inspiring individuals, this all-new signature exhibit was developed in collaboration with First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom.

TEMPORARY EXHIBITS

10. “Planet or Plastic?”
   This traveling exhibition showcases innovators working to solve the global plastic waste crisis and provides actionable steps visitors can take to reduce, reuse, recycle, and refuse products with single-use plastic. Includes a supplementary display of portraits of environmental heroes created by Tess Felix from plastics washed up on Northern California beaches. Organized and traveled by the National Geographic Society. (4/7/22 - 8/7/22)

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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