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EXPLORE LITTLE TOKYO WITH JANM'S SUMMER WALKING TOURS

LOS ANGELES – The Japanese American National Museum (JANM) will offer a series of summer walking tours exploring the history and environs of Los Angeles' colorful Little Tokyo. These fun and educational tours are designed to engage visitors beyond the walls of the museum, introducing them to a unique and diverse community.

Regular tours exploring historic and present-day Little Tokyo will be offered on four Saturdays from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.: May 31, June 28, July 26, and August 30. The cost of each tour is \$9 for JANM members, \$14 for non-members (museum admission included).

A special foodie edition called "Edible Adventures: Graze Little Tokyo" will be held on Saturday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants will sample cuisine from several of Little Tokyo's numerous restaurants while hearing stories of the neighborhood's past. The cost of Edible Adventures is \$20 for JANM members, \$30 for non-members (food and museum admission included).

Tours will take place weather permitting. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

To reserve participation in these tours, please call 213.625.0414 or download a <u>pre-payment form</u> at janm.org/events.

NOW ON VIEW AT JANM:

Perseverance: Japanese Tattoo Tradition in a Modern World Through September 14, 2014

This exhibition of photographs by Kip Fulbeck explores the master craftsmanship and artistry of traditional Japanese tattooing. Curated by Takahiro Kitamura, the exhibition features the work of seven internationally-acclaimed Japanese tattoo artists: Chris Horishiki Brand, Horitaka, Horitomo, Miyazo, Shige, Junii and Yokohama Horiken. *Perseverance* includes uniquely displayed life-sized photographs by Fulbeck.

Dodgers: Brotherhood of the Game Through September 14, 2014

From their original roots in Brooklyn to their current residency in Los Angeles, the Dodgers are trailblazers in the world of sports, on and off the field. The franchise is dedicated to supporting a culture of winning baseball; providing a first-class, family-friendly experience at Dodger Stadium; and maintaining strong partnerships in the community. *Dodgers: Brotherhood of the Game* explores the team's storied past through four players and a Hall of Fame manager, each of whom made history in his own right: Jackie Robinson, Fernando Valenzuela, Chan Ho Park, Hideo Nomo, and Tommy Lasorda.

Colors of Confinement: Rare Kodachrome Photographs of Japanese American Incarceration in World War II

Through August 31, 2014

Colors of Confinement presents 18 rare Kodachrome photographs taken by Bill Manbo during his incarceration at the Heart Mountain concentration camp in Wyoming in 1943 and 1944. It shatters preconceptions about this episode of injustice by showing it in vivid and beautiful color.

Common Ground: The Heart of Community Ongoing

Incorporating hundreds of objects, documents and photographs collected by JANM, this exhibition chronicles 130 years of Japanese American history, from the early days of the Issei pioneers through the World War II incarceration to the present.

For more information, visit janm.org.

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About the Japanese American National Museum (JANM)

Established in 1985, the Japanese American National Museum promotes understanding and appreciation of America's ethnic and cultural diversity by sharing the Japanese American experience. Located in the historic Little Tokyo district of downtown Los Angeles, JANM is a hybrid institution that straddles traditional museum categories and strives to provide a voice for Japanese Americans as well as a forum that enables all people to explore their own heritage and culture. Since opening to the public, JANM has presented over 70 exhibitions onsite and traveled 6 of its exhibitions to over 30 locations, including the Smithsonian Institution and the Ellis Island Museum in the United States, and several leading cultural museums in Japan and South America.

JANM is located at 100 N. Central Ave., Los Angeles. Museum hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. Admission is \$9 adults, \$5 students and seniors, free for members and children under age five. Admission is free to everyone on Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and every third Thursday of the month from noon to 8 p.m. Closed Mondays, 4th of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. For more information visit www.janm.org or call 213.625.0414.