



JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM

RECONNECTING
WITH THE PAST
FORGING
OUR FUTURE

2017 Gala Dinner and Silent Auction

Saturday, May 6, 2017
Westin Bonaventure Hotel and Suites
404 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071

5:00 p.m.
Silent Auction and Reception

7:00 p.m.
Dinner and Program

For more information about parking, hotel rates,
and silent auction, visit janm.org/dinner2017.

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Reconnecting with the Past, Forging Our Future will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Japanese American National Museum opening its doors to the public by looking back at key visionary individuals and foundations that have provided support for JANM, especially in its early days. The evening will also articulate the museum's role in today's complex world in which civil rights and social justice are still not equal for all, and how JANM sees itself continuing to effect positive change 75 years after President Franklin Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, ultimately leading to the incarceration of more than 120,000 individuals of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

HONORING



IRENE HIRANO
INOUE

Life Achievement Award

Irene Hirano Inouye was appointed Executive Director of the Japanese American National Museum in 1988, as it was preparing to restore the former Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple as the museum's first home. She also oversaw the construction and opening of the museum's current Pavilion building in 1999, and led JANM through its early establishment until her departure in 2009. She is currently President of the U.S.-Japan Council.



BRUCE T. KAJI

Legacy Award

Bruce T. Kaji was Chairman and President of Merit Savings Bank when he led a group of local businessmen seeking to create a museum in the 1980s. He recruited volunteers and persuaded public officials to support the cause of building the Japanese American National Museum. His ability to bring people together was integral to the founding of the institution and set the tone of collaboration that continues to be a hallmark of the museum.



TOM IKEDA

Founders' Award

Tom Ikeda is the founding Executive Director of Densho, which uses digital technology to preserve and make accessible primary source materials on the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans. Densho presents these materials and related resources for their historic value and as a means of exploring issues of democracy, intolerance, wartime hysteria, civil rights and the responsibilities of citizenship in our increasingly global society.

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