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What's New: Fall 2018

Arts & Culture

“The World of Charles and Ray Eames” Exhibit Opens at the Oakland Museum of California

Fueled by their belief in design as a way of life, the innovative husband and wife duo Charles and Ray Eames were two of the most influential designers of the twentieth century. Go beyond their most well-known designs in this intimate and inspiring exhibition portraying their legacy and lives in California. The Eameses—who founded The Eames Office—valued knowledge and discovery, embraced the joy of trial and error, and saw no separation between life and work. Through multi-media installations, films, rare prototypes, photography, furniture, toys, products, as well as personal letters, drawings, and artwork, discover the story of the Eameses from a fresh perspective. Explore the breadth of their work across many fields in this interactive exhibition that brings their ideas and playful spirit to life. The exhibit will run from October 13 to February 17, 2019. For more information, visit <http://museumca.org/exhibit/world-charles-and-ray-eames>.

“Cruisin’ the Fossil Coastline” Exhibit Debuts at the Oakland Museum of California

This November, the Oakland Museum of California presents Cruisin’ the Fossil Coastline, a new exhibition exploring the connections between art and science through fantastically colorful renderings by artist Ray Troll and the research of paleontologist Kirk Johnson, who is also the director of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. Through four thematic sections, visitors will learn about Troll and Johnson’s collaboration as artist and scientist. Original works and large reproductions of Troll’s illustrations will be displayed throughout the exhibition, as well as a map highlighting 50 Bay Area fossil finds that were uncovered during major construction projects, such as the building of the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system and the Oakland Coliseum complex. The exhibit will run from November 10 to March 17, 2019. For more information, visit <http://museumca.org/exhibit/cruisin-fossil-coastline>.

eTrikeCo Launches Self-Guided Tours Through Downtown Oakland

eTrikeCo’s all-new self-guided tour is described as a unique and eclectic tour that will “scoot” you around Oakland’s hottest neighborhoods while discovering the best restaurants, wineries, breweries, art galleries and cool points of interest. All eTrikes are ADA compliant, and riders must be 16 years of age. For more information, visit www.etrikeco.com.

Food & Drink

Chef Tanya Holland Opening Second Restaurant Location, BSK, in Uptown Oakland

Renowned chef Tanya Holland is opening her new Uptown location, BSK, this fall. They’ll be serving breakfast and lunch six days a week and will be adding dinner after the New Year. The soul cuisine will continue and you can count on her famous chicken and waffles to be a staple at the new location.

Benchmark Pizzeria Opens in Old Oakland

Benchmark Pizza has officially opened in Old Oakland. The pizzeria, which originated in Kensington, promise patrons wood-fired pizza inspired by Italy and California sourced. Offerings include house-made pastas, antipasti, salads and a full bar. <https://benchmarkpizzeria.com/oakland/>

OneZo Bring New Bubble Tea Flavors to Chinatown

OneZo offers high quality milk tea with house-made boba. This bubble tea brand became the world's first to make fresh boba in-store. www.onezo.us

Mixt Opening in Uptown Oakland

San Francisco based Mixt is plotting its first East Bay location in Uptown Oakland, in a space previously occupied by Pican. Mixt is known for its fresh salads, grain bowls and "market plates," which offer diners a choice of grilled proteins like herb-roasted free range chicken or grass-fed flat iron steak, along with a sauce and two plant-based sides. Construction has begun and Mixt will be open to the public early 2019. www.mixt.com

La Grana Fish Begins Serving in East Oakland

This food truck offers a unique mix of seafood tacos and baked potatoes. The small establishment has made its home at 50th avenue and seems to be building up its rapport with customers quickly. www.yelp.com/biz/la-grana-fish-oakland-3

Zachary's Pizza Announces New Location in Oakland

The local, employee-owned chain will be setting up shop in the space currently occupied by Camino. The menu will also stay true to the thin crust and deep dish pizzas at the company's other locations and they plan to start serving customers at the top of 2019. <https://sf.eater.com/2018/10/11/17964916/zacharys-pizza-replace-camino-oakland>

The Gargoyle Brings Live Metal to Downtown Oakland

The Gargoyle offers a performance venue and bar with live Metal performances weekly. www.facebook.com/pg/The-Gargoyle-Oakland-280417872824090/posts/?ref=page_internal

Bardo Supper Club and Lounge Debuts on Lakeshore

New lounge, Bardo, offers amazing cocktails, food and genuine hospitality, in a mid-century living room vibe with feel-good music. www.bardooakland.com

New Developments

BART Board of Directors Select Group to Develop Lake Merritt Station

The BART Board of Directors formally voted to select San Francisco-based Strada Investment Group and Oakland non-profit housing developer East Bay Asian Local Development Corp. to redevelop a 1.4-acre parcel next to the Lake Merritt Bart Station in Oakland. The Strada/EBALDC proposal — which will develop 519 residential units (44% will be market rate units) and 517,000 square feet of commercial space — was selected from a group of eight other bids that included Lane Partners and McGrath Properties Inc.

Waterfront Hotel Renovating Lobby and Guest Rooms

The Waterfront Hotel located in Jack London Square will be renovating their lobby and guest suites. The renovations will begin December 2018 and be completed in February 2019.

Events

The Black Cowboy Parade and Heritage Festival: October 6

This annual parade and festival have spent four and a half decades educating children and adults about the contributions of people of color to the Old West. This year's festival will include nationwide cowboys, trick riders, school community organizations and local businesses. www.blackcowboyassociation.org

Treasure Island Music Festival: October 13-14

Since 2007, Treasure Island has strived to create a festival with consistently fresh, exciting lineups. They feature eclectic, diverse performers with no overlapping sets while being surrounded by the jaw-dropping Bay Area landscape. This year, for the first time, the festival will be held in Oakland at the beautiful Middle Harbor Shoreline Park. www.treasureislandfestival.com/history/

Autumn Lights Festival: October 18-20

The 7th Annual Autumn Lights Festival will be taking place at the Lake Merritt Gardens. The festival will feature illuminated art glimmering against the night sky, fire dancers, interactive kids' area + food, beer, local wines and much more. www.autumnlightsokland.com

A Morbid Tea: October 20

Camron-Stanford house invites guests to come suitably attired for a Morbid Tea on October 20. In addition to enjoying a seasonal tea menu redolent of apples, pumpkins and spice, guests will have a tour of the current exhibit and the chance to try out the toe-pincher coffin for a post mortem photograph. Be ready for a few shivers and a great pot of tea. All theme teas include a variety of finger foods. <https://cshouse.org/events/>

24th Annual Days of the Dead Community Celebration: October 24

OMCA comes alive for the 24th annual community celebration honoring Days of the Dead traditions. Craft activities, tasty food, dance and music groups, colorful ofrendas and ceremonia bring the community together for this healing tradition. Watch demonstrations of traditional Mesoamerican arts and cooking, and browse Days of the Dead merchandise by local artisans your home altar at the garden mercado. Enjoy performances ranging from contemporary popular music to folkloric dance to mariachi. <http://museumca.org/2018/24th-annual-days-dead-community-celebration>

Boo at the Zoo: October 27-28

The Oakland Zoo hosts its annual Halloween event, Boo at the Zoo. Stroll the Zoo in costume and collect yummy treats. Ride the spooky boo train and join the dance party. Plus: get your face painted, make treats for the animals, and see how the animals at Oakland Zoo celebrate Halloween. Kids in costumes receive a free ride ticket. www.oaklandzoo.org/programs-and-events/boo-at-the-zoo

Oakland Sweets Spirits and The Beyond Food Tour: Every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in October

Join Local Food Adventures for a spook-tacular historical tour filled with cupcakes, cocktails and a guided walk through two cemeteries. This 90-minute walking tour highlights some of Piedmont Avenue's hidden gems including the final resting places of some of the Bay Area's most famous and infamous residents. www.localfoodadventures.com/oakland-ghost-tour-announcement/

5th Annual Indian Market at Oakland Museum of California: November 2-3

In celebration of Native American Heritage Month—and just in time for the holidays—shop the 5th annual Indian Market at OMCA featuring jewelry, baskets, prints, and other modern interpretations of Indian artistry. Find exquisite creations to share with your loved ones, and meet and support artisans from the California Indian community. <http://museumca.org/2018/5th-annual-indian-market-oakland-museum-california>

Dia de los Muertos Festival: November 4

The 23rd Annual Dia de los Muertos Festival will take place November 4th in the Fruitvale District. The event hosts, the Unity Council, promise world-class live music, family-friendly games, rides and activities, traditional Latin American artisans and stunning altar installations. <https://unitycouncil.org/dia-de-los-muertos/>

The Soiled Dove: Friday & Saturday through November 17

The Soiled Dove brings an immersive, circus-infused, scandalous and historic dinner-theater experience that will titillate your every sense. The tent will grace Downtown Oakland with performances every Friday and Saturday evenings through November 17th. www.thesoileddove.com

Plaid Friday: November 23

Organized by Oakland Grown, Plaid Friday encourages shopping at independent stores and reinvest back into our local communities. Plaid Friday was founded in Oakland and is now a national phenomenon celebrated in cities across the country. Each participating city has its own unique take, but what they all have in common is supporting the locally-owned, independent businesses in their communities.

www.oaklandgrown.org

The Black Santa Company Pop Up Coming to Jack London Square: November

The Black Santa Company's mission is to inspire the world by building diverse characters and telling contemporary stories that reflect the cultural change and future we want to build for ourselves and the next generations to come. <https://blacksanta.com>

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