

Education

Visiting MOCA



Visitors Guide



Location

215 Centre Street,
New York, NY 10013

Hours

Tue & Wed 11am - 6pm
Thur 11am - 9pm
Fri - Sun 11am - 6pm

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Admission

General Admission: \$12

Seniors (65 & older with
ID): \$8

Students (with school
ID): \$8

Military & Educators: \$8

Children age 2 & up: \$8

Visitors with disabilities
(and one caretaker): free

Manhattan Chinatown
and Two Bridge
residents - Pay As You
Wish

For Manhattan
Chinatown and Two
Bridge residents the
amount you pay is up
to you. These tickets
may be purchased at
a Museum admissions
desk with a valid ID.

MOCA has an education program where students will learn about arts, social studies, civics, and government. This educational program lasts 75 minutes and students will have hands-on activities so students can learn about the history. Due to the pandemic, the educational program will soon be live virtually. MOCA also offers a classroom program where a MOCA educator will visit the classroom where students will learn about holidays for Chinese communities in America and all over the world. MOCA also has a Chinatown Learning Center and Collections Hub where you can explore old studio portraits, learn about garment workers, and a sewing machine from the 1920s.



The Museum of Chinese America was founded in 1980. John Kuo Wei Chen and Charles Lai were the ones who began the Museum as a community-based organization. The Museum's mission is to encourage visitors to not only understand and appreciate Chinese American arts, culture, and history but to gain information and knowledge about Chinese American History. The Museum gathers documents, personal stories of Chinese Americans' struggles, achievements, and traditions. The Museum today not only does it keeps the community's documented history and cultural history but is also focusing on the community's cultural life. MOCA welcomes a diversity of visitors from New Yorkers to domestic and international visitors, students, school groups from local and regional schools.



Current Exhibitions

Collecting and Documenting Chinese American History October 17, 2019 - March 31, 2021

Gathering: Collecting and Documenting Chinese American History is MOCA's Fall 2019 exhibition that tells the origin story of historical societies, museums, and organized projects that document and make public the history of Chinese throughout America. The exhibition showcases the breadth, depth, and investment of organized documentation and collection of Chinese history in America.

The Chinese Helped Build the Railroad - The Railroad Helped Build America October 17, 2019 - March 31, 2021

The Chinese Helped Build the Railroad – The Railroad Helped Build America is an historical exhibition that traces the Chinese contribution to the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad. Starting in 2012, photographer Li Ju visited sites along the route of the Transcontinental Railroad. This exhibition presents historical photographs alongside Li's contemporary images of significant railroad sites to resurrect these stories and honor the achievements of the laborers.

With a Single Step: Stories in the Making of America September 01, 2009 - December 31, 2023

With a Single Step: Stories in the Making of America presents the diverse layers of the Chinese American experience, while examining America's journey as a nation of immigrants. It interweaves the historical and political context of Chinese immigration to the United States with the personal stories and cultural traces of multiple generations to tie together three main threads:

- 1) The relationship between China and the United States; and its impact on Chinese Americans.
- 2) How Chinese Americans have perceived themselves in American society (and been perceived) over time.
- 3) The impact of Chinese Americans on American politics, culture, and life.

