



California Museum of Ancient Art
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The Mystique of the Ancient World

A great museum of ancient art is being born right here in Southern California, and you can be part of it! California Museum of Ancient Art (CMAA) is having a major cultural influence with unique and inspiring exhibits and programs. "The Many Faces of the Ancient Near East," "The Sumerians: Four Days in May" and the International Scholars' Forum have attracted large and enthusiastic audiences.

Rare Masterpieces of Ancient Art

Wonderful treasures of ancient art from Egypt, Mesopotamia and the Holy Land are part of the museum's extensive collection. An ongoing effort to find a permanent home for these masterpieces is underway. As soon as an appropriate facility is built, the California Museum of Ancient Art will become the first museum in the western United States with a dramatic collection of ancient art from Egypt, Mesopotamia and the Holy Land - the sources of Western Civilization.

A Revolutionary Approach Puts You in the Picture

How many times have you wanted to know more or feel more while standing in front of a strange and wonderful object in a museum? These ancient artworks have much more to offer than aesthetic beauty. They are our cultural heritage, crying out to tell their stories! The California Museum of Ancient Art will tell these stories for the first time by using state-of-the-art technology, causing a revolution in the museum environment. The passive art gallery which presents ancient art as "fragments behind glass" is no longer relevant. Instead, life-size, walk-through environments will allow everyone of us to experience directly the sights, sounds and even smells of past cultures. Multiple projection video and slide displays, laser holograms and computer-run dioramas will help cast a magic spell — evoking the past as never before. Now we can bring the lost cultures of the ancient world to life right here in Southern California.

Breaking New Ground in Research, Archaeology and Conservation

Intensive research by the museum advisory board and staff has contributed to our knowledge of the ancient world. Dramatic discoveries make it possible to fit existing fragments into larger contexts. Finding the exact location of the museum's Assyrian relief fragment in King Sennacherib's monumental palace at Nineveh is just such a discovery. Now this rare artwork can be accurately placed in a panoramic deportation scene illuminating an important chapter in ancient Assyrian history.

In addition to research, your museum plans active participation in archaeological excavations and conservation efforts at important sites in the Near East. You will have the opportunity for hands-on experience as a volunteer under expert guidance.

A Wide Range of Charter Membership Benefits for You

Thousands of people have already enjoyed the museum's ongoing educational programs, such as the International Scholars' Forum. Take this opportunity to become part of a dynamic new museum, and join us in exploring the roots of our cultural heritage. You will receive all the privileges of a Charter Member including substantial discounts on major events such as the Sumerian Master Class.

Your Individual Charter Membership will cost you only \$40. Couple or Family Memberships are only \$65. For this modest contribution which is tax deductible, you will enjoy the following benefits:

- Free admission to International Scholars' Forum Lectures. World renowned authorities on art, archaeology, history and religion of the ancient Near East. This unique series is creating a ground swell of interest with full-page stories in the *Los Angeles Times*.
- Discounted admissions to all CMAA's major theme series, generally at least one series annually.
- Participation in International Archaeological Travel Tours to Israel, Egypt and Jordan.

in Ancient Egypt. A contribution of \$150 or more annually entitles you to membership in the Directors' Club and includes invitations to CMAA's temporary exhibits and special showings of new acquisitions.

Join Us in a Great Adventure

The California Museum of Ancient Art is redefining what a major art museum should be. Participate in this unprecedented cultural adventure by becoming a Charter Member of CMAA, and take advantage of the many benefits that come with membership.

Directors' Club

Sponsors, Patrons and Lifetime Charter Members have the added benefit of membership in the Directors' Club. This select group is invited to exclusive showings of the museum's permanent collection in private homes. Past exhibits include: *A Gathering of the Gods: the Power of Mesopotamian Religion* and *Magic and the Afterlife*

All you need do is fill in the Charter Membership Application and mail it with your check to: **California Museum of Ancient Art, P. O. Box 10515, Beverly Hills, CA 90213.**

We are sure you will find this to be one of the most rewarding experiences you will ever have. Join us in a great adventure today!



Yes, I want to share all of the excitement, adventure and discovery by becoming a CHARTER MEMBER of the CALIFORNIA MUSEUM OF ANCIENT ART! My tax deductible check for \$_____ for Charter Membership is made payable to California Museum of Ancient Art.

Please select your Charter Membership Category:

- \$40 Individual Charter Membership
- \$65 Couple/Family Charter Membership
- \$150 Sponsoring Charter Membership
- \$300 Patron Charter Membership
- \$1000 Pharaoh's Circle Charter Membership
- \$5000 Lifetime Charter Membership

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- I would like to be a museum volunteer. Please contact me.
- I am interested in your International Archaeological Tours.

Send your check or money order to:

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