



JANM Free Family Days

NATSUMATSURI FAMILY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 • 11 a.m.–5 p.m. • FREE ALL DAY!

ALL DAY ACTIVITIES:

- Face Painting: Put on your best summer festival face with Party Face Magic. A Members' Express Line will be available for JANM members. (For children only. Line ends at 4:30 p.m.)
- Family Art Project: In a special activity inspired by our two current exhibitions, create an artwork about your family using light-sensitive paper.
- Greetings from JANM's Natsumatsuri: Make a fun postcard greeting to send to a friend.
- Natsumatsuri Hats: It wouldn't be Natsumatsuri without JANM's signature paper hats! Make your own unique set to show off your family's style.
- Ruthie's Origami Corner: Create an origami version of the traditional kimonos worn during Obon, Japan's summer festival to honor the memory of ancestors.
- Scavenger Hunt: Use your phone or camera to take pictures of your finds from our list. Then bring your images to the Information Booth to claim a prize. Don't forget to share your adventures on social media using **#JANMScavengerHunt!** Prizes available while supplies last.
- Toddler Room: Bring your toddlers here to relax and play with other toddlers.
Note: all children must be supervised by an accompanying adult at all times.
- Wishing Tree: Wishing trees are a popular summer tradition in Japan, appearing as part of the annual Tanabata Festival. Write your wish on a *tanzaku* (strip of ceremonial paper) and tie it to a bamboo tree at our Tanzaku Wish station.

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SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES:

10 a.m.: Members Only tour of *Jidai: Timeless Works of Samurai Art*, a special display of historically significant samurai swords on view during the month of August. Limited to 15 guests. Please RSVP to memberevents@janm.org or 213.830.5646.

11 a.m.: Signups begin for our karaoke open mic, which starts at 1 p.m. Don't miss your chance to get a spot!

11 a.m. and 3 p.m.: *Lilo & Stitch*: Take a break and enjoy free screenings of this popular children's film set in Hawaii.

11:30 a.m.: Take a basic taiko drumming lesson with JANM docent Hal Keimi—a Natsumatsuri tradition.

12 p.m.: Live screen printing demonstration with Grow Your Own Media begins. Take home a Natsumatsuri t-shirt to commemorate the day. Shirts will be children's sizes only. Limited quantity; first come, first served, while supplies last. A Members' Express Line will be available for JANM members.

12:30 p.m.: Join our community *bon odori* (traditional Obon dance), with music provided by contemporary Japanese folk group Minyo Station.

1 p.m.: Step up to the stage for our karaoke open mic! Signups begin at 11 a.m.

2 p.m.–4 p.m.: Meet Your Museum: Stop by the lobby of the National Center for the Preservation of Democracy to learn more about your member benefits, JANM's mission, and our upcoming exhibitions. Our friendly volunteers will be on hand to answer your questions!

2 p.m.: Curators Darin S. Furukawa and Michael Yamasaki present an introductory lecture on *Jidai: Timeless Works of Samurai Art*. Learn about the unique forging process and special properties of the Japanese samurai sword and see how the distinctive armor of the warrior class functioned not only as protection, but as a reflection of the wearer's personality. Reserved seating will be available for JANM members.

2 p.m.: Enjoy an exciting performance by taiko/rock fusion band Random Ninjas. Reserved seating will be available for JANM members.

3 p.m.: Minyo Station presents a short concert featuring their unique blend of contemporary influences and traditional Japanese folk music. Reserved seating will be available for JANM members.

4:15 p.m.: A special joint performance from the high-energy TAIKOPROJECT and the innovative Chicano fusion band Quetzal brings a fun-filled day to a rousing finish. Reserved seating will be available for JANM members.



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