

COMING SOON: LOS SUEÑOS DEL CARIBE: People, Land, and Place

Saturday, May 13 | Noon–5 PM

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Spotlight Asia: Year of the Rooster

Today | Noon–4 pm | Cullman Hall of the Universe

SPOTLIGHT ASIA: YEAR OF THE ROOSTER

The Museum's Lunar New Year festival focuses on the Rooster, a character who greets the rising sun, banishes darkness, and is known for his punctuality and reliability. Celebrate Asian art and culture through hands-on activities led by local artisans and Museum scientists. Learn about the long-standing relationship between domesticated birds and people and surprising connections about the powerful Rooster, including his link to dinosaurs!



LUNAR NEW YEAR

Based on the cycles of the moon, the Lunar New Year is observed by diverse cultures around the world.



MORE TO EXPLORE

To learn more about birds, explore the Hall of Birds of the World and the Leonard C. Sanford Hall of North American Birds, located on the Museum's second and third floors.

ROOSTER FUN FACTS



How do dinosaurs sound? Well, one dinosaur says "cock-a-doodle-do"! Yes, the familiar farmyard rooster, like all modern birds, is actually a dinosaur.



Rooster, or cock, is the name given to the male of the chicken, a domesticated form of the Red Junglefowl found in the wild in Asia. The oldest known domestic fowl remains were found in China and are over 7,000 years old.



Chickens were domesticated between 7,000–10,000 years ago in Asia. One of their wild ancestors is the Red Junglefowl, but they also carry genetic traces from the Grey Junglefowl found in India.

ACTIVITIES Noon-4 pm

JAPANESE POSTCARD MAKING

Color your own rooster *nengajo*, or New Year postcard, and have your name written in Japanese katakana characters with Japan Society.



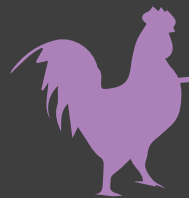
KOREAN BRUSH-PAINTING

Try brush-painting and calligraphy with artist Sungsook Hong Setton and The Korea Society.



MONGOLIAN CALLIGRAPHY

Sketch the word rooster and your name in the Mongolian calligraphy style with artist Naranbaatar Khuvsgul and Mongolia Connections.



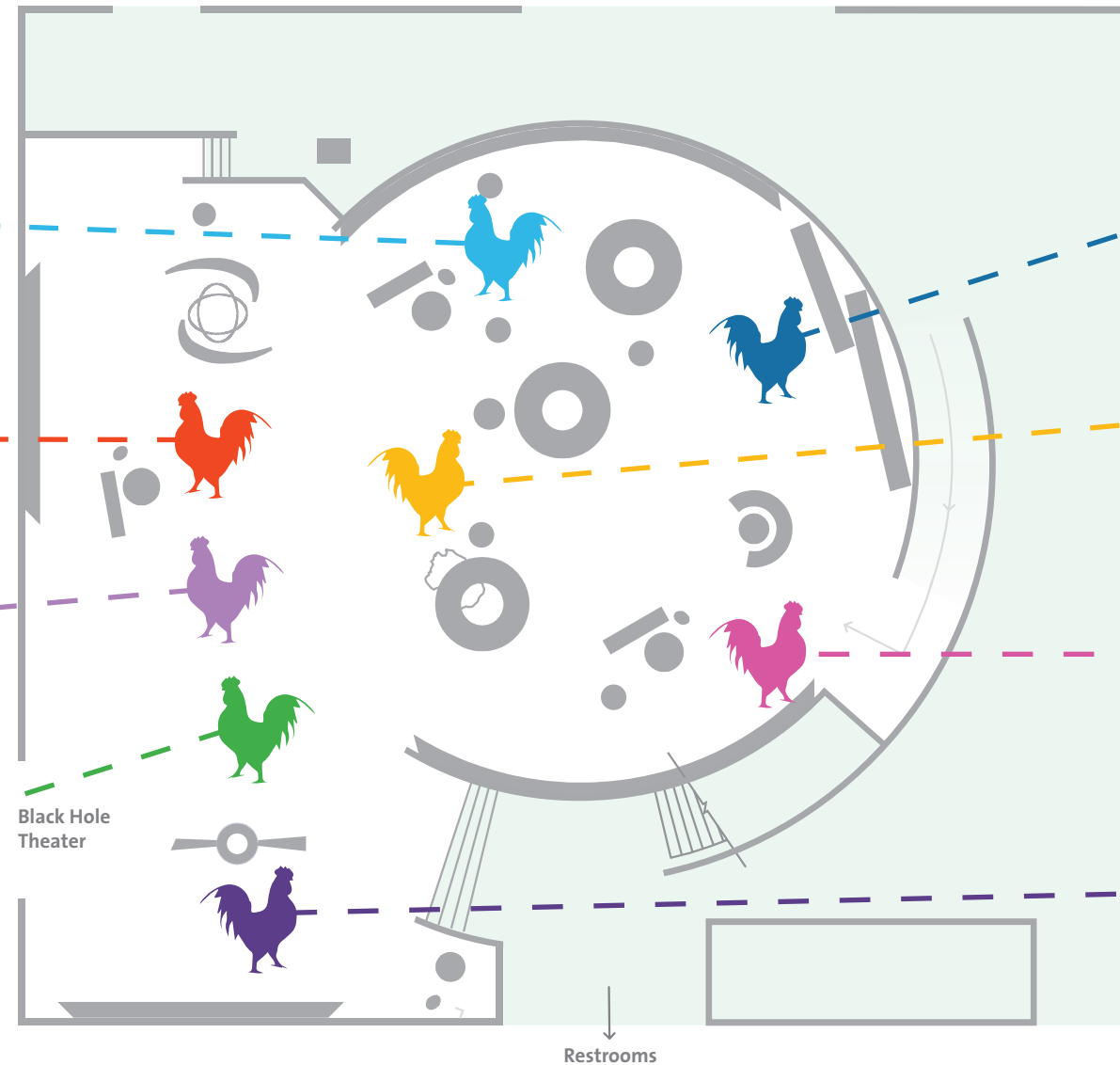
VIETNAMESE WOOD CUT

Explore a Vietnamese rooster lantern display and try your hand at Đông Hồ bird woodcut painting with the Institute for Vietnamese Culture and Education.



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CHINESE SHADOW PUPPETS

Design a rooster shadow puppet with Chinese Theatre Works.



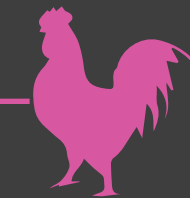
INFORMATION

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MEET THE SCIENTISTS

Learn more about current research and bring your questions about roosters, chickens, pheasants, and other birds.



ORIGAMI

Create an assortment of rooster and bird models with volunteers from OrigamiUSA.

