

UPCOMING GLOBAL WEEKEND

Stories We Tell

Saturday, February 23 | Noon–6 pm

The Museum honors African-American History Month with a tribute to storytellers and griots who give rich voice to the African-American experience. The program will feature master storyteller **Charlotte Blake Alston**; choreographer **Camille A. Brown**, who will perform a poignant solo from her new work, *Mr. TOL E. RAnCE*; **Darryl “DMC” McDaniels** of multi-platinum hip-hop group Run-DMC, who returns to the Museum with Oscar-nominated youth ensemble **IMPACT Repertory Theatre** and special guest NEA Jazz Master **Delfeayo Marsalis**; National Slam Champion **Roger Bonair-Agard** of HBO’s “Def Poetry Jam”; and the **Composers Concordance**.

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 AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

GLOBAL WEEKENDS: FESTIVAL LUNA

Friday, January 25–Saturday, January 26 | 10 am–6 pm

Birds of the World, Gallery 3, Grand Gallery,
Cullman Hall of the Universe, Hayden Planetarium,
Kaufmann Theater, Linder Theater

FREE with Museum admission

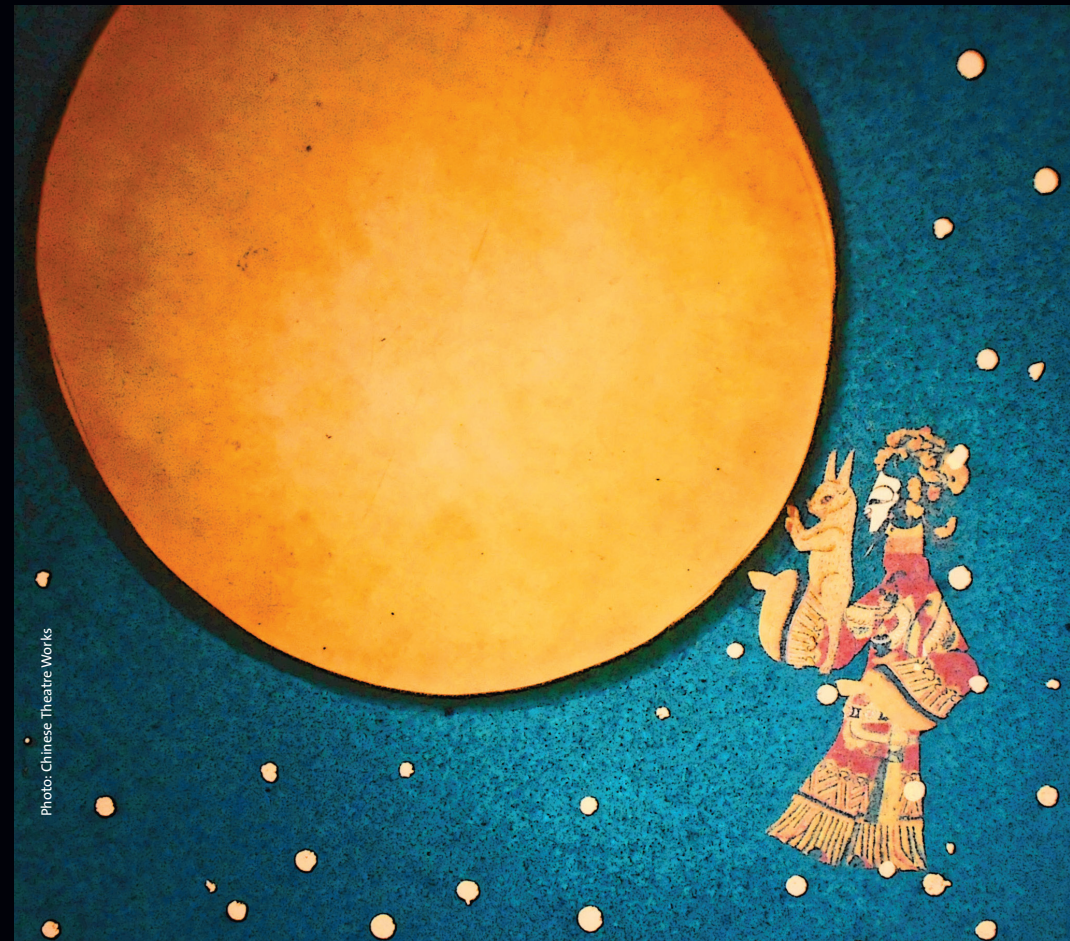
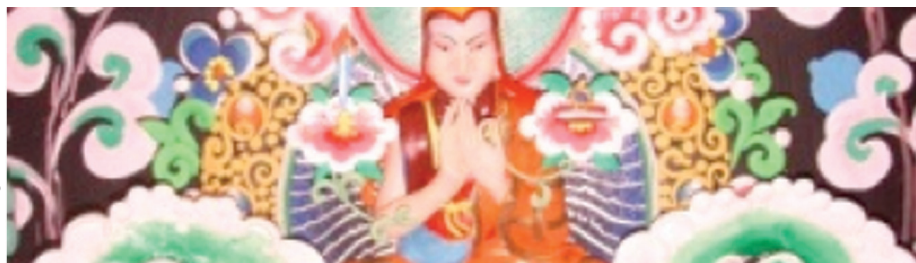


Photo: Chinese Theatre Works



MANY NAMES, MANY CELEBRATIONS, ONE MOON

Observed by people of Chinese, Korean, Mongolian, Tibetan, and Vietnamese heritage, as well as many other cultures around the world, the Lunar New Year is a time of modern festivity and ancient tradition. Native American peoples mark their calendars by each full Moon and have a special name for each lunar cycle. Many countries interpret the lunar calendar differently or use the solar system. But all lunar celebrations have one thing in common: they are a time for family gatherings.

NEW YEAR'S TREASURE

During *Sol*, Korean children who honor their elders with traditional bows receive envelopes of “good luck” surprises. In China, children receive *lai see*, pocket money in tiny red envelopes from married adults.

FIRST SUNRISE

In Tibet, as the first ray of sunshine of the New Year touches the earth, the mother of the house heads for a nearby river to fetch the year's first bucket of water, which is seen as the most sacred and clearest of the coming year. In Japan, a trip to the ocean to witness the *hatsu hinode* or “first sunrise” is said to bring good health throughout the entire New Year.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...AND LUCK!

In Vietnam, Lunar New Year celebrants avoid arguments, put on smiling faces, and give generous gifts of ripe fruits and delicate rice cakes.

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW!

In Japan, families take a few days off before the holiday to make preparations, including meticulously cleaning their homes. Similarly, Vietnamese people clean their homes from top to bottom, pay off old debts, and buy or make a new set of clothes for the New Year.

CELEBRATE THE MOON & NEW YEAR



Courtesy of Vu Hoi

Friday, January 25 & Saturday, January 26

11 am-4 pm | *BIRDS OF THE WORLD* (near Hall of Asian Peoples, 2nd Floor) Learn how to make a Tibetan clay sculpture with master artist Rabkar Wangchuk. Try your artistic hand at calligraphy and Dong Ho Vietnamese folk painting with artist Vu Hoi. Create an assortment of ornaments with volunteers from OrigamiUSA.

10 am-5 pm | *GRAND GALLERY*

Share your favorite holiday food memories in a dynamic mobile recording studio, created by Kitchen Conversations, a project of the Let's Talk About Food organization.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

CULLMAN HALL OF THE UNIVERSE

11:00 am Be enlightened and inspired by Lama Gelek as he guides you through a Moon meditation.

HAYDEN PLANETARIUM

6 pm Join us for an evening of star hopping accompanied by mythology and stories from around the world inspired by the heavenly Moon.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

CULLMAN HALL OF THE UNIVERSE

10:30 am Enjoy Lama Gelek's special Moon reflections.

11:30 am Sing along classic moon and star songs with the Sondra Warnick-Holland trio with Yael Acher and Michael Walz!

LINDER THEATER

Noon Introduced by Museum Curator and Anthropology Division Chair Laurel Kendall, Grace Young, “poet laureate of the wok,” will share the Cantonese culinary heritage documented in her book, *The Wisdom of the Chinese Kitchen: Classic Family Recipes for Celebration and Healing*. Q&A, book signing, and wok raffle to follow. The first 100 visitors will receive a free pass to watch Young at work in the Gallery 3 kitchen of the exhibit *Our Global Kitchen: Food, Nature, Culture*. Demo begins at 1:30 pm.

KAUFMANN THEATER

1:15 pm Enjoy *Chang-Er Flies to the Moon*—a new production by award-winning Chinese Theatre Works. A special shadow puppet workshop immediately follows the performance.

CULLMAN HALL OF THE UNIVERSE

2 pm Take in the beauty of the Moon through NASA video and visualization.

2:30 pm Be dazzled by the Vietnamese Ao Dai Tet New Year's fashion show with costumes by international designer Le Thanh Phuong.

3:30 pm Learn Grandmother Moon songs from Native American Music Award-winner Bear Fox and Kontiwennenhawi of the Mohawk Nation.

4:30 pm Composer and musician Paul Yeon Lee electrifies the Museum's stage with the colorful New York Korean Traditional Marching Band!

5:30 pm Closing Ceremony

MUSEUM FOOD COURT

11 am-4:45 pm Lunar New Year treats crafted by wok master Grace Young will be available for purchase.