



# For Teachers



Mask by Leonardo Linares Vargas  
On display in *Grandes Maestros*

## Something for Everyone

Dear Teachers,

In a museum that holds 35 million objects in its collections, we pride ourselves on being pretty well-rounded. And now that we have temporary exhibitions as well, there's even more to experience. Our teacher programs run the gamut when it comes to topics: from Folk Art to Monarch Butterflies to the Nature of Science. By offering such a wide range of programs, we hope everyone finds something they're excited to learn about. This month, we're exploring our newest exhibition *Grandes Maestros*, which you'll read more about below. In order to make even more room for new traveling exhibitions, we are closing the old hall of California History in mid-December, but never fear, you can visit the *Becoming Los Angeles* exhibit with your students to support your history standards. No matter what brings you to the Museum, we know you'll have a great time, so visit us soon with your colleagues, your students or your family!

**Molly Porter**

*Manager, School and Teacher Programs*

## What's New

It's Guided Program season, which means solving paleontological mysteries in the Dinosaur Hall, collecting insect samples in the garden, and developing scientific questions in the mammal halls with your students. Our Guided Programs are free 45-minute hands-on activities with a Museum educator, but they only run through the end of January, so make sure to submit that request soon. For more information about the programs we offer, visit our website at <http://www.nhm.org/site/for-teachers/visit-the-museum/programming>

Dinosaur Encounters, our popular live performance for 1st-5th grade, now runs every Thursday year-round. Make a reservation with our call center to meet historical characters and life-sized dinosaurs face-to-face!

While this year we've implemented a new policy limiting schools to a 1:5 adult-to-student ratio\*, we've also created a new combination ticket that allows additional adults to purchase \$12 daily admission to both the Natural History Museum and the Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits. If your school is planning to visit both museums in one day, be sure to take advantage of this deal!

\*some exemptions apply

**Hilary Gan**

*School Programs Coordinator*

## This Month's Issue:

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Highlighted Hall:

*Grandes Maestros: Great Masters of Iberoamerican Folk Art, Collection of Fomento Cultural Banamex.*

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Altarpiece by Claudio Jimenez Quispe and Vicenta Flores Ataucusi

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## Highlighted Hall: *Grandes Maestros: Great Masters of Iberoamerican Folk Art, Collection of Fomento Cultural Banamex.*

Explore contemporary folk art featuring the work of more than 600 living artists in 22 Latin American countries, as well as Spain and Portugal. Experience the creativity and craftsmanship presented in the variety of pieces displayed with objects made from diverse materials such as clay, wood, natural fibers, leather and textiles.



### <Feature Fact

This Mayan artifact, on display in the Visible Vault, depicts the use of a backstrap loom, an ancient weaving device still used today. Head over to the *Grandes Maestros* exhibit to see textiles created using this traditional method.

## Upcoming Educator Workshops

From helping you explore nature and science with your students to forming connections with natural history through art, we've got you covered!

Practice science skills and get support with the Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core in our Educator Workshops this fall and winter.

Upcoming dates include:

- **Focus on Folk Art: Engage critical thinking skills and discover folk art from over 22 countries in our newest traveling exhibit, *Grandes Maestros: Great Masters of Iberoamerican Folk Art the Collection of Fomento Cultural Banamex.* With standards-based activities, students of all ages can build visual literacy and form meaningful connections with art and the natural world.** December 13, 2014. 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- **Engineering Dinosaurs at NHM: Join the School Programs team at NHM for engineering in the new year. NHM and partner organization, Iridescent, will be leading engineering design challenges all about dinosaurs! Participate in this hands-on workshop and engage with NGSS engineering practices you can take back into the classroom.** January 10, 2014. 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Learn more and register for Educator Workshops at: [nhm.org/for-teachers/professional-development](http://nhm.org/for-teachers/professional-development)

*Please note registration for Educator Workshops opens three weeks prior to the date of the workshop. Workshop titles and topics are subject to change.*

## Museum Love



Thank you, Daniel; we're glad you enjoyed your visit!

## Request a Visit to the NHM!

Go to [nhm.org/for-teachers](http://nhm.org/for-teachers) and click on Visit the Museum for instructions on how to plan your day and request a visit!