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# New Director Appointed for Vincent Price Art Museum

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Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery curator Steven Y. Wong has been appointed as the director of the Vincent Price Art Museum at East Los Angeles College, the museum announced Friday.

The appointment follows a national search led by the Los Angeles Community College District and Vincent Price Art Museum Foundation, following the departure of Pilar Tompkins Rivas in July to become chief curator and deputy director of curatorial and collections of the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art, set to open in 2023 in Exposition Park.

Wong previously was interim executive director and senior staff curator at the Chinese American Museum where he developed and implemented both contemporary art and history exhibitions, including "Dreams Deferred: Artists Respond to Immigration Reform."



Wong also curated major exhibitions for the Getty's Pacific Standard Time initiatives, including "Breaking Ground: Chinese American Architects in Los Angeles" and "Circles and Circuits I & II," which was on view at both the Chinese American Museum and the California African American Museum and explored the art and history of the Chinese Caribbean diaspora since the early 20th century.

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Wong was honored in 2019 by the Vincent Price Art Museum Foundation with its distinguished Cultural Leadership Award for his long-standing commitment to presenting and ensuring access to the arts, especially within communities of color.

Wong — a UCLA alumnus who began his career as a practicing artist and has exhibited his work nationally — has served as an adjunct faculty member at UC Santa Barbara, Ventura College and Pasadena City College in the Asian American studies, history and studio art departments.

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"I am both honored and humbled to join the ELAC community and become the next Vincent Price Art Museum director," Wong said. "As an arts leader and community college graduate, I am excited to return to the type of college campus that helped launch my own career in the visual arts.

"I am especially looking forward to working alongside the talented museum staff and faculty to build upon the museum's legacy of showcasing exceptional and diverse artists, while also creating new opportunities to empower our students and local communities."

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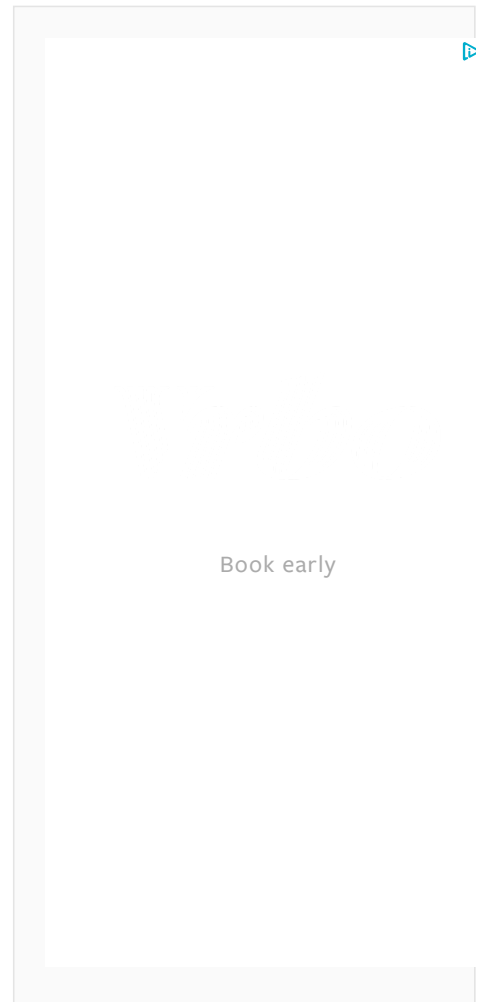
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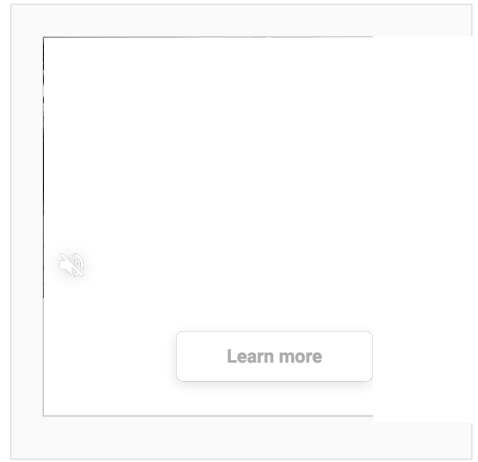
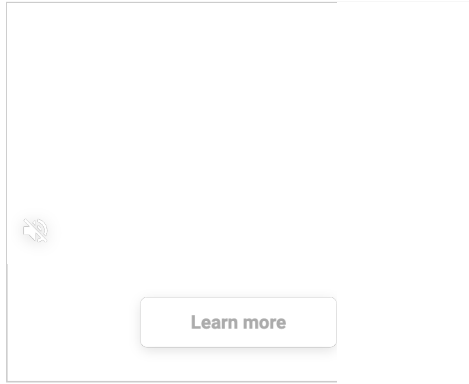
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