We did it! On November 5, 2016, after four months of preparation, CHSA opened *Chinese American: Exclusion/Inclusion (CAEI)*, to hundreds of visitors and rave reviews. A gift from the New-York Historical Society, CAEI traces the Chinese American experience since the beginning of trade between United States and China in 1784 through the turbulent struggle for equal rights and opportunities in this country. Highlights of the exhibition are the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1882, the immigration detention center experience at Angel Island, and the iconic Jake Lee watercolor paintings depicting key moments in Chinese American history. For this version of CAEI, CHSA added a West Coast focus, bringing to light San Francisco Bay Area stories. Plan your visit today!

“**The show is big league. It’s interactive, with films, family histories, art and all the modern museum tricks.”**

- Carl Nolte, San Francisco Chronicle, 10/29/2016

“**vigorous and imaginative.”**

- New York Times, reviewing the NY version of CAEI

CHSA Staff Front row: Francis Wong, Johnson Zheng, Gina Holly, Palma You, Sue Lee, Pam Wong, Amy Lam
back row: Nolan Chow, William Tran, Waverly Liu, Lenora Lee

**CHINESE AMERICAN EXCLUSION / INCLUSION**

CAEI exhibition detail
Above and Beyond Chinatown 2016

Over 300 guests enjoyed the swanky 1930s ambiance, live jazz & American-French cuisine at the San Francisco supper club Bix. This year’s event, hosted by sports anchor and video journalist Rick Quan, which annually celebrates Chinese Americans’ ability to build our community in the face of a history of adversity, focused on raising support for Chinese American: Exclusion/Inclusion.

In particular, CHSA wished to recognize major exhibition sponsors: Robert Joseph Louie Memorial Foundation, Seligman Family Foundation, and the Committee of 100. We also wish to acknowledge Buck Gee & Mary Hackenbracht, Milton and Rosalind Chang, Kenneth Fong, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Long Family Foundation, and Chinese Performing Arts Foundation & David Lei.

Above & Beyond Donors: Chao Suet Foundation, Philip Choy, Coca Cola, Friends of Roots, Hazel Louie, Poon Foundation, Recology, Sterling Bank, Connie Young Yu & Kou Ping Yu.
Introducing the New CHSA Gift Shop!

For those of you familiar with our museum pre-November 2016, you might remember passing through the quaint bookstore we offered. With the addition of the new exhibit at CHSA, we’ve also given the store a makeover and cannot wait to introduce the new CHSA Gift Shop!

In addition to the many CHSA publications and acclaimed novels, the new gift shop features unique items specific to the new exhibit as well as one-of-a-kind art and historical items such as Jake Lee painting prints and scans of old San Francisco Chinatown maps. Other items in the gift shop such as hand-painted scarves or ornaments have been designed by Louise Anderson, owner of World Treasure Trading Inc. A Chinese immigrant herself, Louise’s items were also featured in the gift shop of the same Chinese American: Inclusion/Exclusion exhibit when it was housed in New York. You can read more about her story in our shop.

Admission to the gift shop is free! Please take the opportunity to check it out its new location: to the right after walking through the front door of the museum.

For any questions about the gift shop and consignment opportunities, please contact Visitor Services Associate, Gina Holly at gholly@chsa.org

A Place for School Groups

Chinese American: Exclusion/Inclusion explores the circumstances that influenced Chinese to come to America and their experiences upon arrival and settlement. Students will be able to construct a timeline of the Chinese American experiences showcased in our gallery through multiple artistic mediums such as video recordings, audio recordings, paintings, poems, and photographs. In addition to understanding these key events, students will be able to understand the Chinese American experience on emotional and philosophical levels while having the opportunity to compare and analyze different perspectives. It is our hope that a visit to our museum will inspire students to deconstruct the question “Who is an American?” by utilizing the experience of Chinese Americans and their own personal experience as sources of knowledge and inspiration.

Contact William Tran, groups@chsa.org to schedule a trip for your class.

Upcoming CHSA events

January 7, 2017, 1pm
Finding Cleveland Film screening | CHSA Learning Center, 965 Clay Street, SF

Singer, song writer, producer Larissa Lam and speaker, rapper Baldwin Chiu team up on the production of Finding Cleveland, a film documenting the personal journey to search for Baldwin Chiu’s family roots in Cleveland, Mississippi.

January 14, 2017, 1pm
Chinese Couplets & China: Land of My Father Film screening | Great Star Theater, 636 Jackson Street, SF
www.lowedownproductions.com

Saturday, February 11, 10am-4pm
Celebrate the Year of the Rooster at CHSA
Free admission to the Museum all day!

Join the CHSA Museum before the Chinese New Year Parade to welcome the Year of the Rooster. Enjoy a full day of family activities including live music & other performances, exhibits, and more!
Donate to CHSA!

Please consider giving CHSA a year end gift. Recognition of gifts of $1,000 or more will be displayed in the CHSA Legacy Gallery. For $5,000 and above, donors may have an 80-character message on a window tile in the Legacy Gallery. Your participation enables us to share the untold stories of Chinese in America with a broad international audience and ensure the place of our history within the American multicultural narrative.

DONATE TO CHSA TODAY at chsa.org/support, or by calling (415) 391-1188 or emailing info@chsa.org. Employer-matches are encouraged! All contributions tax deductible (Federal tax ID #94-6712246).