

MINGEI

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM

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Mingei International Museum will open an original exhibition of objects that celebrate the nobility, speed, power and serviceability of horses, bullocks and camel from across the globe.

TRAPPINGS - Homage to the Horse and other Steeds

May 26, 2017-January 21, 2018

San Diego has long been home to a significant horse culture of both Western and English saddle traditions – a culture that continues vitally today. Multiple saddle and bridle makers still practice their craft in the county and the Del Mar Racetrack’s summer and fall seasons are known across the country and around the world.

Timed with this year’s racing season and the first ever Breeder’s Cup event in Del Mar in November, Mingei International Museum will present an exhibition of beautiful objects from around the globe that celebrate the speed, power and serviceability of the horse and other noble beasts of burden.

Pulled from the Museum’s permanent collection and private lenders, this original exhibition will highlight classic horse figures and accoutrement of Asia and Europe; clay and wood horses of India; and artifacts of U.S., Native American and Mexican horse culture. Trappings for bullocks from Afghanistan to Indonesia, and camel trappings from Asia to the Middle East will also be shown, including a group of Iranian saddlebags.

San Diego hosted the equestrian events of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, during which time Mingei International Museum presented *THE HORSE IN FOLK ART. TRAPPINGS* will provide another experience through which to appreciate the beauty and nobility of fascinating creatures profoundly connected to the daily and festival rounds of human communities.

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ABOUT MINGEI INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM

Located in San Diego's Balboa Park, Mingei International Museum collects, preserves and exhibits "art of the world, art of the people," including folk art, craft and design from all eras and cultures of the world. A non-profit institution funded by admission, individuals, and community support, the Museum offers inspiring exhibitions and diverse educational programs to more than 100,000 visitors a year. Institutional support for Mingei International Museum is provided by the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture.

TUESDAY - SUNDAY
10:00AM - 5:00PM

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