



## New Exhibition



### [Obstacleism: Painting by Farr Ligvani](#)

On view now through  
**February 26, 2012**

Born in Tehran and educated in California, Farr Ligvani focuses his art on ideas of life and evolution. As he has wrestled with life's obstacles, he realized that the obstacles themselves can lead us to a balance between two opposing forces by providing a space for reconciliation, self-editing and change. In his practice, Ligvani uses abstraction to visualize these ideas. Line,

the fundamental element in his work, functions as a visual trace of his psychological journey, while circles and other geometric shapes formed by the matrix of lines are the artist's encoded descriptions of obstacles in life. The resulting subtle but very rich canvases exude a meditative quality, offering the viewer a moment of contemplation in full and sometimes fraught lives.

Image: *New Ancient*, by Farr Ligvani. 2009, Mixed media on board. Courtesy of the artist.

## Upcoming Events

Join Pacific Asia Museum for an exciting fall lineup! For more information or a full calendar, [check our website](#). All events are free for museum members and included with admission for non-members unless otherwise indicated.

## Now on View

### [Auspicious Beauty: Korean Folk Painting](#)

Through March 25, 2012

### [Meiji: Japan Rediscovered](#)

Through February 26, 2012

### [46 N. Los Robles: A History of the Pasadena Art Museum](#)

Through April 8, 2012

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Through February 26, 2012

## Upcoming

### [Kimono in the 20th Century](#)

Opens March 29, 2012

## Join Us

### [Hours and Directions](#)

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### **Pacific Asia Museum**

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### [Silk Road Story Time](#)

*Saturday, February 4, 10:30 am*

In honor of Valentine's Day, enjoy Asian children's stories about love with popular local storyteller Sunny Stevenson. Free for members, \$10 per family for non-members.



### [Lecture/Demo: Korean Folk Painting](#)

*Sunday, February 5, 2:00 pm*

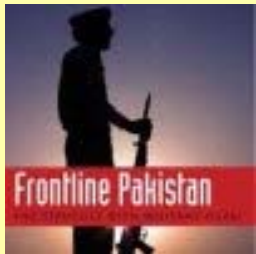
Keesoon Sung, president of the Korean Folk Painting Association, speaks on the history and current practice of this art form, and gives a live demonstration of its techniques. In Korean and English.



### [Art & Coffee](#)

*Friday, February 10, 3:00 pm*

Curatorial staff will introduce and lead a discussion of selected items in *46 N. Los Robles: A History of the Pasadena Art Museum* in this series of informal Friday afternoon get-togethers. Coffee and pastries provided by Starbucks.



### **STAFF PICK**

#### [Authors on Asia: \*Frontline Pakistan\*](#)

*Sunday, February 12, 2:00 pm*

Internationally acclaimed reporter Zahid Hussain will discuss and sign his books *Frontline Pakistan: The Struggle with Militant Islam* and *The Scorpions Tail: The Relentless Rise of Islamic Militants in Pakistan*.



### [Active Cultures](#)

*Friday, February 17, 7:30 pm*

The innovative lecture series wraps with a final dynamic pairing: Artist Richard Jackson talks firsthand about the Pasadena art scene of the 1960's, and architect Andrew Liang discusses the unprecedented speed and scale of urbanization in

China.



### [Screening: Pasadena Art Museum Voices](#)

*Sunday, February 19, 12:00 pm*

Snippets of interviews with key artists, board members and curators associated with the Pasadena Art Museum are shown in the current special exhibition, get the bigger story as the full-length interviews are shown on the big screen.



### [Japanese Fusion Event](#)

*Sunday, February 26, 2:00 pm*

Join us for a Japanese Arts Fusion Event that will include tanka poetry, butoh dance, live traditional and contemporary jazz music and a Noh theater-inspired art installation.



### [Exhibition Closing](#)

*Sunday, February 26*

Final day to see the special exhibition *Meiji: Japan Rediscovered*.

## Ongoing Programs

### **Museum Tour**

**Every Saturday 1:00 pm**

Enjoy a focused look at highlights from the collection, led by the museum's docents.

### **Tai Chi**

**Every Saturday, 8 to 9:30 a.m. \$10 per class**

Learn the steps of the *yang* style in the peaceful surroundings of the museum's courtyard. Beginners always welcome!

### **Yoga**

**Every Thursday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. \$10 per class or buy a series and save.**

Designed with a lunch-hour audience in mind, instructor Jill Zepezauer's instruction of Hatha yoga is uniquely accessible. Beginners always welcome!