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MEDIA ALERT

TERRACOTTA WARRIOR LOST AND WANDERING THE BAY AREA

MUSEUM ASKS PUBLIC TO HELP FIND HIM



SAN FRANCISCO, January 23, 2013—The Asian Art Museum issued an urgent alert today, requesting the public to be on the lookout for a Chinese Terracotta Warrior lost and wandering the Bay Area.

One of the famed terracotta warriors from China scheduled to appear at the museum next month has inexplicably been separated from his contingent. Eight terracotta warriors, two terracotta horses and more than 100 other historical objects were en route to San Francisco for the special exhibition, *China's Terracotta Warriors: The First Emperor's Legacy*, on view February 22–May 27.

Museum officials say they do not know how the warrior was separated from the rest of his troop and are asking the public's help in locating and directing him back to the Asian Art Museum before the exhibition welcomes its first visitors on February 22.

The museum has provided a photo and description of the wayward warrior.

"He's 2,112 years old, about 5' 5" tall, mud-colored, dressed in full terracotta warrior regalia, and doesn't speak English." said Tim Hallman, the museum's director of communications. "At this stage, we're not sure if he's on a special mission or simply sightseeing. We'll provide updates as we learn more."

Museum officials are reassuring the public that they have nothing to fear when encountering the warrior, who is unarmed and not dangerous. Those who spot him are encouraged to greet him warmly, offer him directions to the Asian Art Museum at 200 Larkin Street in San Francisco's Civic Center, and post an update or photo on the museum's special website—

www.asianart.org/lostwarrior. The site features a custom Google map documenting sightings.

Museum officials are confident that with the public's assistance, the warrior will safely make his way to the museum in time to kick off the exhibition, which coincides with the museum's 10th anniversary in its Civic Center location.

China's Terracotta Warriors: The First Emperor's Legacy will feature dozens of rare objects from the enormous tomb complex of China's First Emperor (259–210 BCE). The tomb complex with its estimated 8,000 terracotta warriors is considered one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in modern times. Visitors to the exhibition will discover new secrets from the tomb, with more information than ever before on the First Emperor, his reign, and his quest for immortality.

ABOUT THE ASIAN ART MUSEUM

The Asian Art Museum—Chong-Moon Lee Center for Asian Art and Culture is one of San Francisco's premier arts institutions and home to a world-renown collection of more than 18,000 Asian art treasures spanning 6000 years of history. Through rich art experiences, centered on historic and contemporary artworks, the Asian Art Museum unlocks the past for visitors, bringing it to life, while serving as a catalyst for new art, new creativity and new thinking.

Information: 415.581.3500 or www.asianart.org

Location: 200 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

Hours: The museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. From February through October, hours are extended on Thursdays until 9:00 pm. Closed Mondays, as well as New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

General Admission: FREE for museum members, \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors (65+), college students with ID, and youths (13–17). FREE for children under 12 and SFUSD students with ID. Admission on Thursdays after 5:00 pm is \$5 for all visitors (except those under 12, SFUSD students, and members, who are always admitted FREE). Admission is FREE to all on Target First Free Sundays (the first Sunday of every month). A surcharge may apply for admission into special exhibitions.

Access: The Asian Art Museum is wheelchair accessible. For more information regarding access: 415.581.3598; TDD: 415.861.2035.

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