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## CHINA'S TERRACOTTA WARRIORS OPENING NIGHT PARTY Featuring Special Guest CHERYL



SAN FRANCISCO, January 10, 2013—The Asian Art Museum will celebrate the unveiling of its major exhibition *China's Terracotta Warriors: The First Emperor's Legacy* on Thursday, February 21, 7:00–11:00 pm, with a high-energy event featuring cult artist collective CHERYL, plus dance floor antics, performance art, Extra Action Marching Band, DJ Hakobo (owner of local popular nightclub SOmbar), drinks, food, a photo booth, costumes, and more, making for serious revelry. Party goers have the chance to join the festivities and have a first look at the monumental exhibition.

The main attraction of the night—aside from stunning objects unearthed from China's First Emperor's massive burial complex—will be CHERYL, an artist collective that throws "the Big Apple's most outrageous party" (*Time Out London*). They've earned a worldwide cult following for their video art, museum installations, and "...massive, sweaty, costumed affairs..." (*Paper Magazine*). Inspired by the Terracotta Warriors and '70s cult gang film *The Warriors*, CHERYL will lead partiers in a *Warriors*-style crowd-sourced performance art piece.

The party marks the opening of *China's Terracotta Warriors: The First Emperor's Legacy*, the museum's massive spring exhibition showcasing 120 rare objects from the great tomb complex of China's First Emperor (259-210 BCE), including 10 life-size terracotta figures—the maximum number of figures permitted outside China in a single exhibition. *China's Terracotta Warriors* is on view February 22–May 27, 2013. The Asian Art Museum is the only West coast venue to present this exhibition from one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in modern times

Tickets for the Opening Night Party are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, and are selling fast at www.asianart.org