

WING LUKE MUSEUM

We stand with the Black Lives Matter movement. As Asian Pacific Americans, we condemn any system that does not see the humanity of Black lives. We denounce the deplorable violence inflicted on Black people for centuries perpetuated by systems built on an oppressive and racial hierarchy.

We reflect with gratitude on the many ways that change in our country is the result of civil disobedience, coalition building, and collective action. As Asian Pacific Americans, we stand as the beneficiaries of the leadership and sacrifices made by Black and Indigenous movement leaders throughout history who fought for social, political, and economic justice.

We acknowledge the painful biases and prevalence of anti-Blackness within our own communities and commit to the long fight to interrupt and replace this with a sense of justice that centers the humanity of Black lives.

In our storytelling, preservation of histories, and lifting up of community voice, the work of our museum seeks to stop the perpetuation of historical oppression against communities of color and other marginalized people. When we say “Never Again is Now!,” we know that this must also mean ending the cycle of racism that perpetuates harm and state-sanctioned violence against Black lives as well as the denial of economic and social justice for the Black community.

In solidarity, we can make the change we want to see — we have to be firm that lasting change begins from within. We commit to creating spaces for listening and learning between Asian Pacific Americans, the Black community, and other communities of color. We commit to expanding our current partnerships with other communities of color as we work together towards collective action to advance racial and social equity.

Wing Luke Museum will say their names.

#MuseumsAreNotNeutral #BlackLivesMatter #GeorgeFloyd #BreonnaTaylor #AhmaudArbery

The Wing Luke Museum is honored to join with the many organizations that made a commitment to unite against racism last week. Please click [here](#) to read the full statement.

Join us in our commitment to lean in, learn, and take action. We are grateful to partner with these and other local Black-led arts and heritage organizations:

- Black Heritage Society of Washington State (<https://www.bhswa.org/wordpress/>)
- BlackPast (<https://www.blackpast.org/>)
- Dr. James and Janie Washington Cultural Center (<https://jameswashingtonculturalcenter.org/>)
- Northwest African American Museum (<https://www.naamnw.org/>)

Explore more resources with our national Smithsonian Institution partner:

- National Museum of African American History and Culture (<https://nmaahc.si.edu/>)